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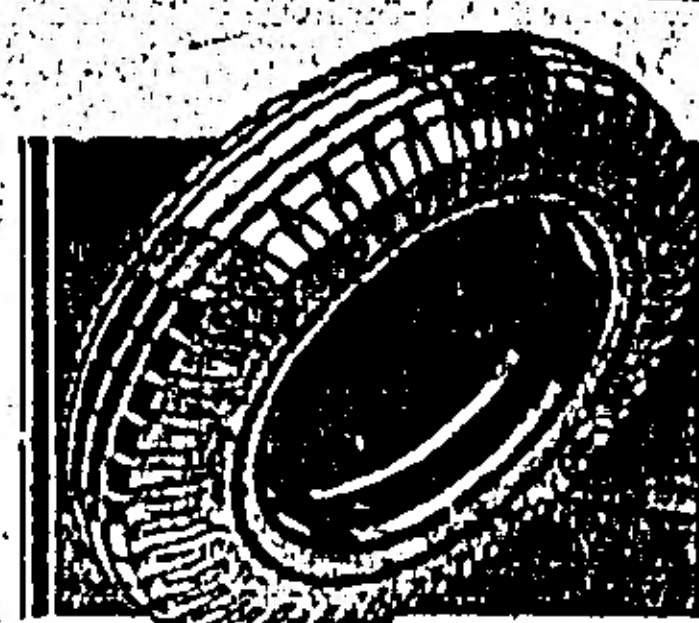
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SCHOOL WRECKED: HUNDREDS DIE

Fire In Wake Of Blast

CROWDED AUDITORIUM COLLAPSES BOILERS BURST

TYLER (TEXAS), MAR. 18.

BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR HUNDRED CHILDREN ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION WHICH DESTROYED PART OF A SCHOOL BUILDING SITUATE ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES FROM HERE.

THIS ESTIMATE WAS GIVEN BY THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT IN A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER.

Employees of an oil company near the spot state that "children are dying all around us." Fire-fighters with equipment, as well as doctors and nurses, are racing to the scene. The total number of children in the school at the time of the disaster is believed to have been about 1,600.

The explosion tore out the end of the school auditorium which was crowded with several hundred children of oil workers in the East Texas oilfield.

Later.

The bodies of 135 children and ten teachers were recovered two hours after the explosion occurred.

The hall of the school apparently collapsed when the explosion happened, crushing most of the children, a few of whom appear to have been burned.

So violent was the explosion that bricks from the building were thrown a quarter of a mile from the scene of the disaster.

The explosion is attributed to an accumulation of gas in the boiler-room.—Reuter.

Over 600 Dead

Later.

The oil company plant at Houston has been informed from East Texas that of 730 pupils and teachers in the building at the time of the explosion, only 100 are alive.

Hundreds of bodies are laid out in rows in the school grounds. There are heart-rending scenes as frenzied parents are frantically searching for their children.

The school was divided into two buildings, one a high school, the other containing lower grades. The high school was almost entirely destroyed, as the walls were pushed out by the blast and the roof of the two-story structure collapsed.

The other building, from which the smaller children had only just been dismissed, was only slightly damaged.

Resemble Rag Dolls

The victims, according to the Superintendent of Schools, resembled rag dolls, from which the clothes had been blown.

An eye-witness says there was a low rumble and then a loud report and the high school building seemed to rise in the air. Next came a burst of flame and the building fell in, apparently quickly extinguishing the fire by its own weight.—Reuter.

WOMAN FLIER SETS RECORD ON OCEAN HOP

But May Be Detained At Hawaii For Repairs

Honolulu, Mar. 18.

Amelia Earhart, flying around the world, landed at Wheeler Field at 28.5 minutes after 8 o'clock this morning, Pacific Standard Time. The Pan-American Clipper, giant Sikorsky flying boat, which is also heading for the Antipodes, landed over three hours later.

Miss Earhart, who flies under her maiden name but who is actually the wife of a wealthy publisher, Mr. George Palmer Putnam, denied she was tired on her landing. Said the 39-year-old air voyageur: "I'm afraid I kept everybody up waiting."

She is anxious to arrive at Howland Island in daylight, but her technician, Paul Mantz, expresses his extreme doubt about their ability to depart to-day. It is understood the propeller is sticking.

Meanwhile, the Pan-American Clipper will take off Sunday, weather permitting.—United Press.

CLAIMS A RECORD

Honolulu, Mar. 18.

Miss Amelia Earhart's arrival here early to-day was awaited by a crowd of several hundreds, some still in evening dress. These people endured a drizzling rain to see Miss Earhart's big monoplane make a graceful landing at the airport.

Despite her apparent fatigue, the flier said she would leave for Howland Island later in the day. She claimed her Oakland-Honolulu hop was the fastest ever made over the distance in a westerly direction. The Hawaiian Clipper arrived three hours after Miss Earhart and was followed a few minutes later by the Pan-American Clipper, bound for New Zealand.—Reuter.

GANDHI'S POWER IS UNSHAKEN

INDIA SOCIALISTS NOT A FACTOR

CONGRESS SETS ITS COURSE

New Delhi, Mar. 18.

After a discussion which lasted for thirteen hours, the All-India Congress Committee, by 127 votes to 70, adopted an amended resolution authorising and permitting acceptance of office under the new Constitution in provinces where Congress commands a majority in the Legislature. The resolution, however, carries a proviso that ministerial posts shall not be accepted unless the leader of the Congress Party in the Legislature is satisfied and is able to state publicly that the Governor will not use his special powers of interference, or set aside the advice of Ministers regarding their constitutional activities.

The fact that the resolution favours the acceptance of office and that it was carried by a large majority is regarded as evidence that Gandhi and his methods still dominate the Congress.

The argument of the Gandhi group appears to be that efforts should be made to carry out the Congress programme constitutionally, and that if Congress forms Ministries there will be no deliberate attempt to create deadlocks.

It is argued that if a deadlock arises, and it comes from the Governors' restriction of the Congress programme, then the whole position would be reconsidered by the Congress working committee. A feature of to-day's meeting was the comparative failure of the Socialist element, which is regarded as demonstrating that it is as yet unable seriously to challenge Gandhi's sway.—Reuter.

Philippines' Independence Being Rushed

Washington, Mar. 18.

President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines has suggested that the date of independence be advanced to 1938 or 1939.—United Press.

AGREE ON PROPOSAL

Washington, Mar. 18.

President Manuel Quezon and United States officials have agreed to the terms of the proposal to advance the date of the complete independence of the islands from 1946 to 1938 or 1939.

A committee of experts will be appointed to work out details of the revision of the independence programme enacted in 1934.—Reuter.

Every Effort To Assist China Trade

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Louis Smith (Conservative), Captain Euan Wallace, Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, said every effort was being made to allow visits by British diplomatic and commercial officers in China to the chief cities in the hinterland, with the object of stimulating British trade.

Captain Wallace added that the number and scope of such visits must be limited by the exigencies of the service as a whole. During 1935 and 1936, visits were made by these officers to various places in China, and they would be continued as far as possible in the future.—Reuter.

GUN-WOMAN COLLECTED MUSSOLINI'S PHOTOS

Paris, Mar. 18.

No less than 300 photographs of the Italian Dictator, Benito Mussolini, including a large one, autographed, are reported to have been found in the flat of the woman who yesterday shot down the Comte de Chambrun, former French Ambassador to Rome, Madame Fontange, as she calls herself. Her name is really Madame de la Ferrerie.

Police searched her flat for two hours this afternoon while an excited crowd watched outside. A private diary stated to contain references to Mussolini and the Comte de Chambrun, was also found and placed under seal. "Madame Fontange's" lawyer, interviewed, declared the reported relationship between his client and a high Italian personage had nothing whatever to do with the case. The only point with which they were dealing was the attack on the Comte de Chambrun.—Reuter.

UNKNOWN ENTERS SIMPSON DIVORCE

KING'S PROCTOR SEEKS DIRECTION

London, March 18.

To-morrow's Divorce Court cause list has the following entry:

"Before the President, Sir Boyd Merriam: Undisclosed divorce case: Simpson, W., versus Simpson, E.A. (Application by the King's Proctor for directions). Hearing fixed for 10.30 a.m."

This unusual application, it is understood, does not represent the Proctor's formal intervention in the proceedings in which Mrs. Wally Simpson was granted a decree nisi against her husband, but is designed to dispel certain rumours which have been in circulation.

Mr. Ernest Simpson had not been informed about the application and was not aware of it until he saw the notification in the press.—Reuter.

UNDISCLOSED PERSON

London, March 18.

The cause list reveals that an undisclosed person is intervening in the Simpson divorce case. It being announced that the King's Proctor will appear 10.30 a.m. to-morrow, before the President of the Divorce Court, Sir Boyd Merriam, in connection with the intervention to ask for directions in the proceedings.

It is recalled that any interested person can intervene to show cause why a divorce should not be made final, and that a divorce can be annulled if it can be shown that there was collusion in obtaining a decree.—United Press.

SWORD OF ISLAM FOR MUSSOLINI

Tripoli, Mar. 18.

The sword of Islam—a magnificent present from native chiefs to Signor Mussolini—was accepted by Il Duce in a ringing speech at an impressive ceremony on the market square here to-day. The sword has a gold hilt, beautifully chased, and is said to have cost £2,000.

Signor Mussolini, in expressing thanks for the gift, referred to "this symbol of strength and justice," and declared: "I shall take this sword to Rome and keep it as one of the dearest memories of my life."

Il Duce proceeded to dwell on the loyal assistance of the Tripoli and Libyan Moslems during the Abyssinian war and promised to legislate in their interest from Rome.—Reuter.

TIN COMMITTEE ON ROUTINE

London, Mar. 18.

London tin circles are of the opinion that to-day's meeting of the International Committee dealt with routine matters; hence they are not surprised that no communiqué was issued.

Well-informed quarters stress the point that as long as demand continues at the present rate, there is little or nothing which the International Committee can do which would alleviate the existing tightness.—Reuter.

Britain Hopes To Avoid Naval Arms Race With Powers

BUT IS PREPARED TO ALTER PLANS IF NEED ARISES

Singapore Base Watches Over Interests In Pacific

LONDON, MAR. 18.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO STICK TO 14-INCH GUNS FOR 35,000-TON BATTLESHIPS IF ALL OTHER POWERS DO THE SAME, DECLARED SIR SAMUEL HOARE, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WITH REGARD TO THE REPORT THAT JAPAN MIGHT ADOPT 16-INCH GUNS, DURING THE REPORT STAGE DEBATE ON NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Sir Samuel added he still hoped it would be possible to implement the naval agreement reached at London last year. It would be a great calamity for the world if such understandings were not carried out by the great naval powers "and we saw again the start of competition amongst new types and sizes."

Sir Samuel said that while he had no official information as to Japan's intentions, it would be a matter of the greatest regret if any power started to build bigger than 14-inch guns or ships beyond 35,000 tons.

"As far as Britain is concerned we intend to stick to 14-inch guns for the 35,000-ton battleship, if all other naval powers do the same; and there is the widest measure of agreement between certain of the naval powers." He was sure these limits would be very much better for the world as a whole, and he did not think that any navy would lose in any way in efficiency.

He hoped, he said, that Britain would not have to change her designs for capital ships in the future. But if other countries broke their agreement, Britain would have to consider the new situation.—Reuter.

Singapore Costs

London, Mar. 18.

The question of the cost of the Singapore naval base was raised in the House of Commons at the report stage of the Naval Estimates to-day, the Opposition Labour member, Mr. G. H. Hall, pointing out that the expenditure had grown from £7,000,000 to £11,500,000, excluding the £2,750,000 to be spent by the Army and Air Force at the base.

Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, replying, declared that the reason for what looked like an increase in expenditure over two or three years was in reality the replacement of several very heavy items on a programme which had been truncated earlier. For example, there was the increase over the building of the North Wall to allow for the accommodation of capital ships and an increase in accommodation by about 50 per cent.

Guarding Pacific

However, he went on, the foundations of the base were well laid and in a very few years the whole picture would be complete. There would be additions next year and the following year, but the total cost could now be estimated with some accuracy. When finished, the base would be the most complete and most tangible expression that in the Pacific Great Britain is prepared to defend her interests.

"It stands there," he said, "surely no aggressive idea 4,000 miles from Japan, to protect Australia, New Zealand and the other interests we have over the Pacific Ocean."—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY BILL PASSES

Washington, Mar. 18.

The House of Representatives has passed the McNary Neutrality Bill.—Reuter.



SIR SAMUEL HOARE
First Lord of the Admiralty

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

The Cabinet has submitted to the Diet the Supplementary Estimates Bill, totalling 58,197,000 yen, making the aggregate of next year's Budget 2,872,134,000 yen.

The supplementary list includes a small additional amount for the Navy. This total means that the Budget of the former Prime Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, which caused a storm in Parliament earlier in the year, has been cut by 108,447,000 yen. But the total is still 500,017,000 yen above the present working Budget.—Reuter.

CHRYSLER FIGHTING WORKERS

SEEKING WRIT OF ARREST PICKETS ON PATROL

Detroit, Mar. 18.

In drizzling rain and snow, union picket patrols to-day watched for any attempt to eject 6,000 sit-down strikers from the Chrysler factories here, who, with high officials of the United Automobile Workers of America, are defying the legal injunction obtained against them by the company.

The Willys-Overland automobile factory at Toledo, Ohio, employing 4,200 men, closed to-day until Monday, owing to the shortage of material from Detroit, whose strike situation has led to the lay-off of 6,000 other Toledo workers. One plant of the Fisher Body Corporation at Flint, Michigan, has been closed by the strike of hundreds of women in the sewing department and 60 men in the shipping department. In this plant 4,800 have been thrown into idleness.

Later. The strike in the Fisher Body plant has been called off and work is being resumed immediately.—Reuter.

COMPANY'S STRATEGY

Detroit, Mar. 18.

The Chrysler Corporation has applied for a writ for the arrest of United Automobile Workers' leaders and 6,000 sit-down strikers in the factories here who are defying the injunction which ordered them to quit the factories.—Reuter.

BALDWIN'S NEW HOME

London, Mar. 18.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Budget will be introduced on April 20.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

There is Less Work & More Fun in spring cleaning these days . . .

FUSS and frenzy of spring cleaning isn't what it was in the Good Old Days, when you couldn't see the roses on the wall-paper for reprints and family trophies.

Still, there is the fun of seeing how little effort you need exert to track down what dirt there lurks, and even more in rearranging the furniture.

Heavy washing of curtains, blankets, bed-spreads, sheets has become as easy as going to the pictures; in fact, that is just about what you can do while it is going on. You simply feed the things into an urn of hot, soapy water and turn a switch. A metal arm pummels away the dirt, an electrically driven wringer does the rest.

Domestic size electric washers like this can be paid for over two years by instalments and cost about two cents an hour to run.

Other, humbler, gadgets getting down to more serious matters are: carpet shampoos, a new stove cleaner, wallpaper rubber, and electric dust eaters.

Carpets are not taking to henna or any exotic shampoo; there is one outfit being sold now that has just the right sort of brush packed ready with the shampoo to encounter you. The stove cleaner is sensible: long with a triangular end of corrugated rubber that works into crevices and a shield up near the handle so that your hands don't get dirty.

Wallpaper cleaner works like indurubber; you carve off a slice and it rubs off the dirt. Electrically driven dust consumers for cleaning chair covers, curtains, and so down are another known but not sufficiently used help.

NOW—the turn-out. In every home there are boxes. Not the articulate kind; pieces of furniture, ornaments, pictures that have out-turned your interest and which are housed merely from habit.



IF . . .
you know how
to go about it

Even carpets
can get a home
shampoo.

THREE TIPS

1. You can clean chintz covers on chairs and settees without removing the covers. Warm some bran in the oven. Take a piece of soft flannel and dip in the bran, going all over the chintz with this.
2. To prevent doors from squeaking, get an ordinary lead pencil and pencil all over the hinges.
3. If you have trouble with mice in the pantry, newspapers soaked in creosote and tanned into every mousehole will send them away.

Perhaps you keep them because you don't know how to get rid of them? Well, I've just the service-with-a-smile. There is a London store that specializes in relieving clients of white elephants of all dumb shapes. You can either harden your heart and sell the lot outright or do a little swapping or part-purchasing. What happens is that a plain clothes assistant calls, sees, goes back

and writes you an offer, which you can accept (or not) in cash or kind. If you find sentiment getting uppermost surely you know that great-uncle Ethelred would rather you had a book-case that you use than a stuffed fish that you keep in the attic.

HAVING disposed of all the things that dishearten you at home, you can get down to the rearranging.

These are points worth remembering: a narrow room looks bigger if the ceiling is "brought down" by being painted glossy instead of "flat" surfaced. . . . small rooms look bigger if the floors are close covered (without any surrounds) in one plain colour.

In choosing a paint colour from sample papers, go for one a little lighter rather than deeper than you really want. . . . which looks just right in a small piece comes out much brighter over a whole wall.

If one or two walls than the rest of the room, paint or distemper them a little lighter than the others; the effect will not be odd, but will give the illusion of a more uniformly light room.

SADNESS in most modern rooms results from too much matching. We have revolted from the old-fashioned monotonous of a pair of everything and one each side of the mantelpiece, but our present fear of colour is almost as depressing.

Provided walls are not aggressively coloured and keep their place in the background, there is no reason for believing that every chair and cur-

tain must be of the same stuff, in the same colour. And in stuffs there are some purse-snatching bargains. . . . For curtains a rough, coarse cotton called "Lancaster cloth," looking more like wool, woven with ridges of rust and faint blue.

Filled and frivolous coloured muslins for lighter curtains in sweet blues or cloud pinks, 36 ins. wide—down to white muslins scratched with frail lines of blue silk.

IDEA for a change of bed is to buy a couple of the new light quilts. Unlike the dimpled things we call eiderdowns, these are comparatively thin and quilted in a uniform pattern, mostly in ripples straight across the width. Use one to pad the back of your bed post, the other to keep you warm.

And now, perhaps, it is time to stop talking and do something.

Zoe Farmar

BEAUTY In Five Minutes

By FRANCES DAY

HAVE you ever had a "quickie"? It's America's latest beauty craze and is now gaining popularity in the West End. It is a complete five-minute facial—just the thing when you're in a hurry and haven't time for a full treatment.

FIRST cleanse the face and neck with a good cold cream, remove and apply a strong medicated cream. This stimulates the circulation and has the same effect as a good massage.

Over the medicated cream a soft cocoa butter cream is worked in, softening and feeding the skin and taking away the sting of the first cream.

ON the top of these two put in some calamine lotion. This has a refining and tonic effect on the pores.

Leave on for five minutes then remove with soft tissues and your face will be soft and sparkling. A witch-hazel cream can be used instead of the medicated cream for this treatment.

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2. How would you act about taking a stain out of a dress when you do not know what the stain is?

3. Give a recipe for quickly made cakes.

ANSWERS:

1. Stewed prunes; cereals; hot or cold milk; boiled eggs; toast; scones, honey, marmalade; or fresh fruit; porridge; sliced breakfast sausage; rolls; toast; quince jelly.

2. Anonymous stains should first be treated with hot or cold water. Sometimes the simplest method succeeds. If the stain is on white linen or cotton you may use a bleach, either lemon juice or peroxide of hydrogen. If you do not wish to damp the garment try a powdering of French chalk. Rub on, if possible, for some hours. You will brush most minor stains off with the chalk.

3. Allow the weight of two eggs in butter, sugar, and self-raising flour, and two teaspoonfuls of ground rice. Beat the eggs, cream butter and sugar, and add the flour, then mix gradually with the rest, beating all the time. The consistency should be that of thin batter; if not moist enough add a little milk. Put in little tins or papers and bake in a hot oven for fifteen minutes. . . . These cakes may be flavoured with seeds, coconut, lemon rind, currants, or sultanas, and are very delicious plain.

Tit-Bits

NEW "saddle-stitching" enables seams to be smart. They are marked outside, like stitching on handsewn gloves.

CHOOSE prints for spring blouses, now that Paris has gone all out to give us such gay ones. . . . all covered with writing and little pictures.

LOOK out for harlequin cheeks patterned in many colours. The material of the blouse is often introduced, too, on revers and pockets of the suit with which it wears.

Children like KOLYNOS

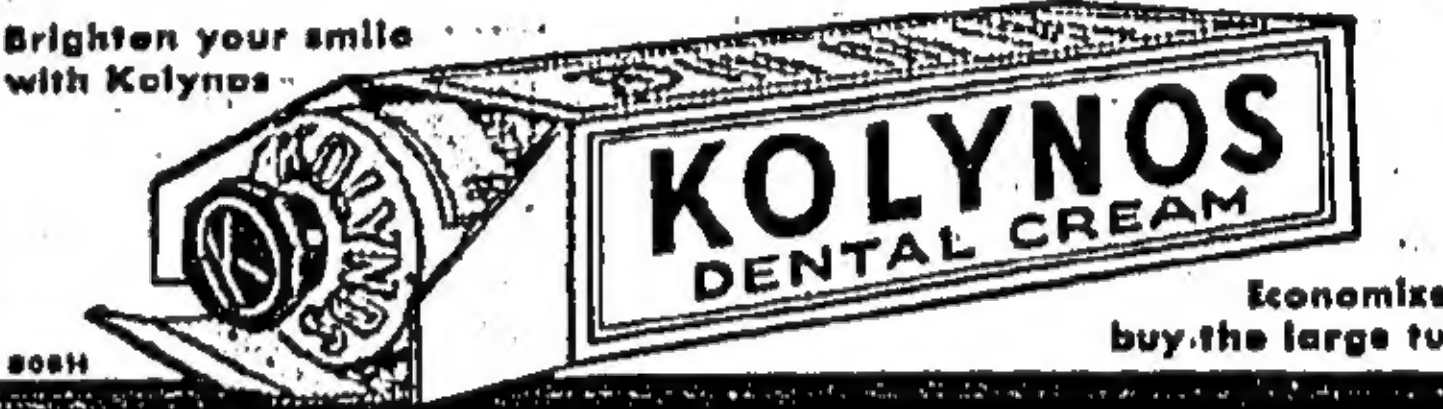
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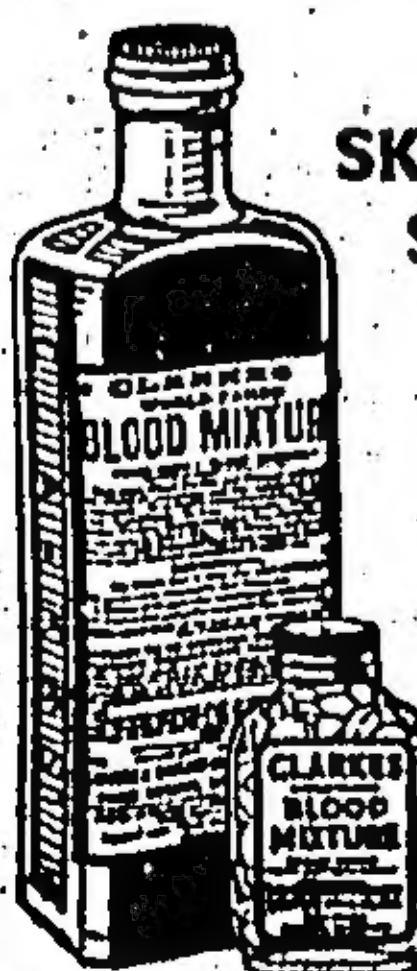
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British Captain in Turkish Gaol

Twice Held Blameless For Sea Crash That Cost 24 Lives—But Still Held

Boat Stopped In His Path EIGHT PASSENGERS CLIMBED MAST

London, Feb. 28.

CAPTAIN HARRY FARQUHAR, thirty-six-year-old master of the Glasgow tanker *Vandura* has been in a Turkish gaol for the past four weeks.

Captain Farquhar was arrested by the Turkish police in January after a collision between his ship and a Turkish motor-boat in the Dardanelles. Twenty-four lives were lost.

He was taken to Canakkale prison and his ship sailed without him. Later she returned to Istanbul in the hope that her captain would be released in time to join her.

But the *Vandura* was forced to sail on January 27. She is now between Gibraltar and Rouen.

A committee of Turkish maritime experts held an inquiry into the cause of the accident and exonerated Captain Farquhar from all blame.

Despite this he was still detained.

British authorities have been trying ever since to procure his release. The Turkish Public Prosecutor decided to hold a further inquiry in another district. Again Captain Farquhar was found not guilty of criminal negligence.

The investigations held Captain Hussein, in command of the motor-boat, responsible for the disaster. Captain Hussein was arrested at the same time as Captain Farquhar.

A PROMISE

The reason given for Captain Farquhar's continued detention is that a further verdict must first be obtained from the Turkish Naval Ministry.

As soon as their official exoneration reaches the governor of Canakkale Gaol it is promised that Captain Farquhar will be set free.

Meanwhile the captain is not accommodated in the cells but in the private apartments of the governor.

Captain Farquhar said to a Press representative yesterday:—

"The motor-boat in crossing the bows of the *Vandura*, unexpectedly turned against the wind, stopping dead in my track.

"Fanic broke out in the little vessel. Eight people climbed up the mast. That caused a heavy list and capsized the boat.

"I was steaming slowly and ordered the engines full astern. We did everything possible to avoid the accident but unsuccessfully."

Captain Farquhar finds no fault with his present quarters.

"I am more comfortable here than in the hotel where I passed the first night. I am learning Turkish with the help of a Turkish dictionary and talk every day with the warders."

"My agent here has provided me with furniture, even including a carpet, and visits me daily."

"My room is without a lock and my windows are without bars facing the sea."

The governor said:—

"I regard Captain Farquhar not as a prisoner but as my private guest. I hope to be able to inform him very soon that he has been exonerated. I hope he will remain as my guest for some time—as a free man."

Captain Farquhar is a bachelor. His mother, a widow, lives in the fishing village of Port Gordon, Banffshire.

The only news she has had of her son's detention is a telegram and a letter from the owners of the *Vandura*.

Captain W. H. Coombs, secretary of the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation, said:—

"We feel very strongly about the position of Merchant captains who are liable to imprisonment in foreign ports as a result of collisions which, in this country, are dealt with in the civil courts."

A PIECE OF THREAD AND A THIEF

Washington, Jan. 30.

A thread led to the arrest of an army tailor on a charge of stealing six guns. Four were found in a bag. Thread used to sew the bag was examined under a microscope, traced to the tailor. G-Men said he confessed.—United Press.

Heiress Marries Fisherman: "No Regrets"

By ALAN JOHNSON

Hope Cove, Devon, Mar. 1.

IN a tiny cottage on the gale-swept coast, a Yorkshire girl, who gave up her Society friends and a life of travel and luxury to become the wife of a fisherman, told me to-day how she had found happiness.

When Miss Joan Mary Ellison, daughter of a wealthy colliery owner, married handsome Ernest Powesland, a Hope Cove fisherman, her friends scoffed.

LAUGHED AT SCOFFERS

"You will never stick it," they told her.

Mrs. Powesland laughed, and said nothing. She just went on with her job as a fisherman's wife, helping her husband with the lobster and crab-pots, learning to cook and do the housework.

To-day Mrs. Powesland sat in the snug living room of her cottage home, and talked of her life.

"It is great," she said, and laughed. "They told me I should regret coming here, but I am happier now than ever I was."

"I hated Society life and I hated being known as an heiress."

"I have fallen in love with the simple life that we lead here, and gradually I am becoming used to hard work. I am healthier and happier than I have ever been."

"Ernie and I"—she smiled up at her stocky, young husband, who stood beside her in his seaboots and blue fisherman's jersey—"read passages from the Bible every night before we go to bed."

"We are always in bed by ten, and we get up at seven in the morning."

"But I would never go back to social round and a life of parties to the small hours in the morning."

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NEW TEETH AT 108

Hamilton, March 1.

"I LIKE life; I'm happy." That is the reason Mardiros Tattian, Canada's oldest citizen, gives for having attained the great age of 108.

He is particularly proud of a third set of teeth which have been growing since his second set were extracted three years ago.

Favourite dishes on his daily menu are pork chops and mashed potatoes. He drinks quantities of milk, but he never touches intoxicants.—Reuter.



Two gentlemen seem to be vying for the Indes' names in their dance programmes at St. Patrick's Ball this week. —King's Studio.

DR. SERGE VORONOFF, 68-year-old inventor of monkey gland rejuvenation treatment tells below of his latest discoveries, of his patients, of his dream of lengthening human life to 150 years.

"Ten Years More Youth" Offered

Paris, Mar. 1.

DR. VORONOFF, working at his beautiful home at Mentone, the Chateau Grimaldi, with his laboratories and accommodation for 100 living apes, has completed a system for analysing and grouping the blood of chimpanzees on exactly the same basis as that of human beings.

He claimed in a talk recently that his monkey gland treatment (based on his recent discoveries) extends the period of "youth" which can be given to a middle-aged man or woman to ten years.

He revealed that the number of his women patients has increased seven-fold during the past two years.

He said: "I have had one patient aged twenty-three, my youngest. My two-oldest at the moment are men of eighty-three years—but it is my dream to lengthen human life to 150 years."

"The average age of women who become rejuvenated is about forty-five."

"They take the treatment just when they begin to realise that they are gaining weight, losing vitality, vivaciousness, and their attraction. After an operation they look and become younger."

Dr. Voronoff said that British men and women now represent about 30 per cent. of his rejuvenation patients.

MEDALS FOR CORONATION APPROVED BY KING AND QUEEN SPECIAL SITTINGS AT SANDRINGHAM

Models in white plaster of two Coronation medals, approved by the King and Queen, were exhibited at the Royal Mint recently.

The official commemorative medal, by Mr. Percy Metcalfe, will be struck at the Mint alone, and in accordance with precedent, shows on the obverse the head of the King and on the reverse that of the Queen.

The double-head portrait of the King and Queen is a standard pattern prototype, designed at the Mint by Mr. Langford Jones, and is intended for incorporation in the medals already prepared with various special reverses, and in various sizes and metals, for supply to municipal and other bodies.

This was designed at the suggestion of the Federation of British Industries. It was considered that a standardised medal, showing suitable portraits of the King and Queen, was desirable.

The official medal will be struck in two sizes of silver and gold—2½in diameter and 1½in. Further quantities in bronze will be struck in the smaller size only. Both designs are more boldly delineated than those prepared for King George V's Coronation.

READY IN APRIL

The preliminary work was done from studio portraits before the artists went to Sandringham for special sittings given by the King and Queen. These all took place on one day, which was unusual for these occasions, and an indication of the King and Queen's keen interest in the work, and their desire to study the convenience of the artists.

Mr. Percy Metcalfe said that at Sandringham he worked on a plasticine design.

The Queen is smiling in the double-head portrait and her profile is at a lower level than the King's. The date, "12 May, 1937" is near the centre of this medal, and the words, "Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth," near the edge.

The medals will not be ready until April. Applications for the official medal should not be made to the Mint direct, but to any bank or to any of the leading metal dealers.

30,000 Ducks Are Going To Britain

Sydney, Mar. 1.

Thirty thousand ducks are to be shipped to London by Mr. R. H. Rhodes, who owns the largest poultry farm in Australia at Matraville, Sydney.

The ducks are to be sent in time for the Coronation festivities.—Reuter.

Life Still Hard In Russia

WAGES TOO LITTLE FOR FOOD

Paris, Mar. 1.

"Though life in Russia has improved in the last three or four years it is still extremely hard," said Vassily, a 22 year old Russian seaman, who left the Soviet cargo ship *Pokrovsky* while it was unloading manganese ore at Boulogne.

"Many of my comrades would do the same as I did," he said, "but they are afraid of being caught by the harbour police and sent back on board."

While in foreign waters, he explained, food rations were good. In Soviet ports the seamen had the same food as other workmen, but were not sustained like them by the same belief that everything in the Soviet Union was better than everything everywhere else. The seamen had seen for themselves.

An average worker, he says, earns about 250 roubles a month, and to eat satisfactorily must spend about four roubles a day. Hence a family must put up with poor food, and the housewife spends her time standing in queues. He had never met a workman who was a "Trotskyist."

A political commissar gives political instruction to crews during the voyage, and those who do not show interest are kept on coasting vessels and not sent on ships which travel to foreign ports.

MACHINERY POOR

The machinery of the Soviet merchant fleet was, he said, in poor condition, and attempts to have the ships repaired in the Soviet Union had proved unsuccessful. The Soviet cargo ships were mainly repaired abroad.

Three years ago the ship on board which Vassily was serving, on the Siberian coast was used to transport a large party of political prisoners, men, women and children, mostly peasants, who were carried in the hold without any special provision for their comfort or sanitation for eight days.

Last October the *Kursk*, to whose crew Vassily belonged, was ordered to call at once at Sebastopol, where cases containing fighting aeroplanes and tanks were taken on board from the naval harbour, as well as 133 smart young men in mufti. These were the pilots for the aeroplanes, tank drivers, and the mechanics.

These 135 men left at Alicante, but most of the cargo was disembarked at Barcelona. The ship returned home with a cargo of Spanish oranges.

Woman Novelist Beats Edgar Wallace

WRITING at the rate of a million words a year, Miss Maysie Greig, the novelist, is now surpassing Edgar Wallace for output.

Just over 30, she has already 30 published books to her credit. And her pen becomes more prolific.

In the past year she has written six novels, the latest of which "New Moon Through a Window" will shortly be issued.

AMAZING SPEED

"Most of her actual writing is done at her charming country residence—a modernised Tudor house at St. Mary Bourne, near Andover," her London secretary said.

"She keeps a strict time-table, working from ten in the morning till six in the evening. The speed of her composition is amazing."

Miss Greig always writes love stories.

"I write happy love stories because I believe that happiness is the greatest virtue in the world and misery the greatest sin," she says.

From the age of five she has been writing love stories. It was not until she was twenty that her first novel was published.

'Hepburn Wed In Secret'

New York, Mar. 1.

Friends of film star Katharine Hepburn believe she has been secretly married to millionaire Howard ("Hell's Angels") Hughes in Springfield, Illinois.

Their belief is based on the strange behaviour of Hughes. He is cruising in his yacht in Maryland waters, and has not contacted with his secretaries or friends for five days.

Miss Hepburn is now playing "Jane Eyre" at St. Louis. She and Hughes are said to be planning a reunion in New York shortly.

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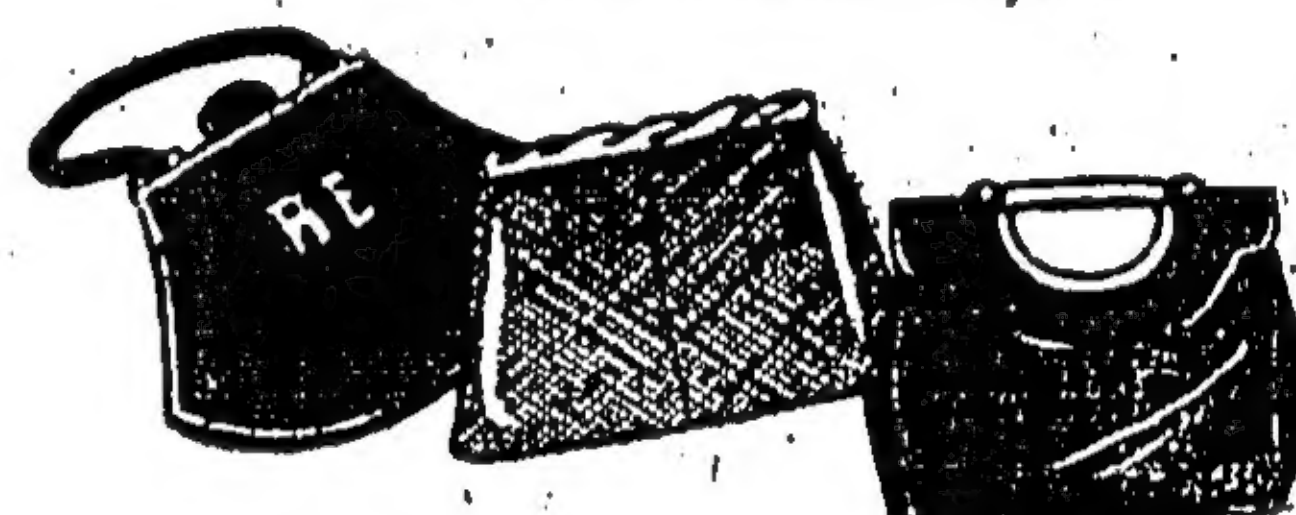
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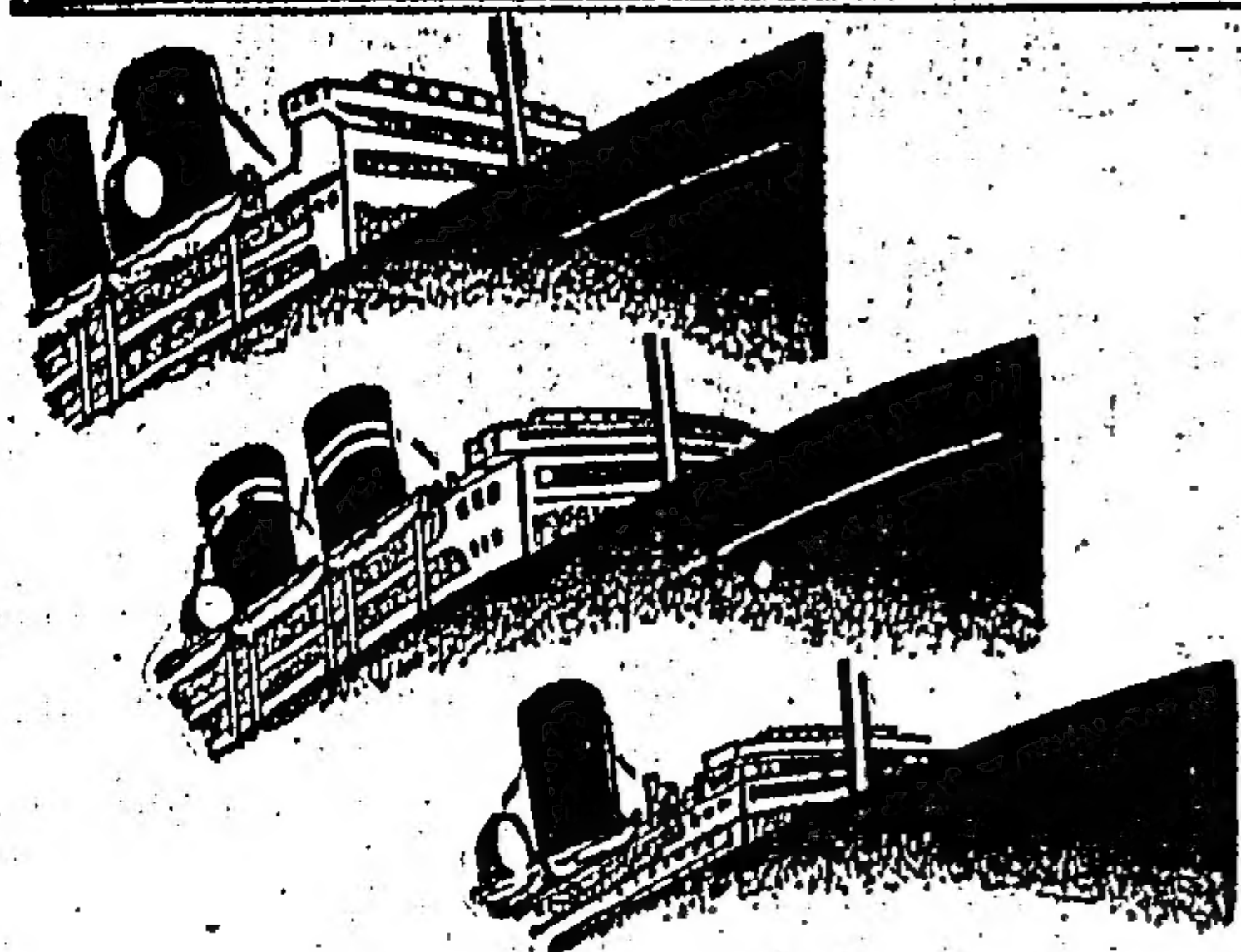
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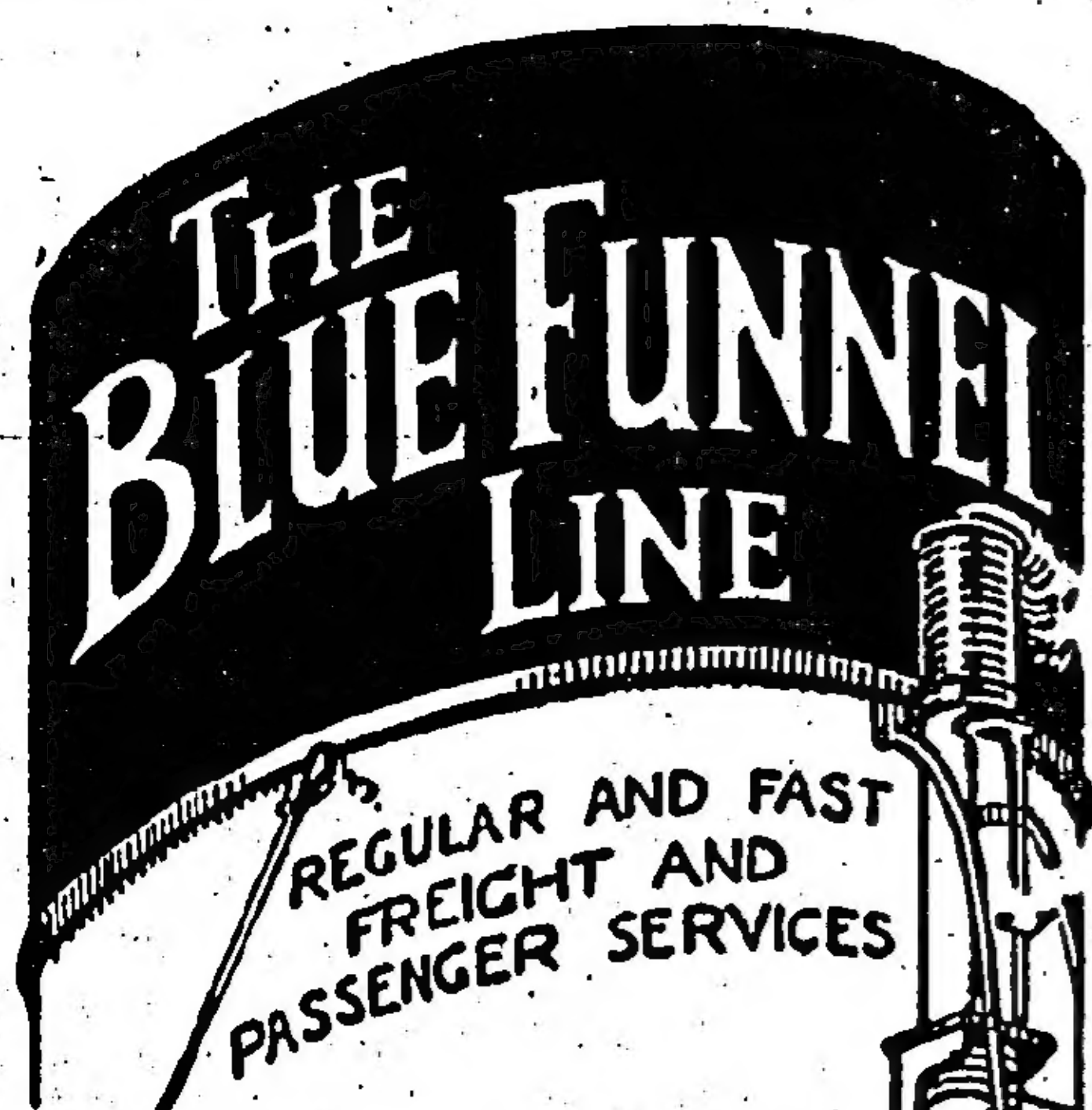
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THE CORONATION H.K. PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

Arrangements for the Coronation
celebrations in Hongkong are going
ahead, and at a recent meeting
of the Executive Sub-Committee
it was decided that the Government
should be asked to vote the maximum
sum of \$60,000, although economies
were anticipated which would prob-
ably reduce this figure.

It was decided to adopt the follow-
ing provisional timetable:

1st Day, Wednesday, May 12

9.00 a.m.—Military Parade at
Happy Valley.

11.00 a.m.—Commencement of
Chinese procession.

11.15 a.m.—Church Services.

12 Noon.—Royal Salute.

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Councils.

2.30 p.m.—Arrival of Chinese day
procession at Government House.

6.00 p.m.—End of Chinese pro-
cession.

8.00 p.m.—to 2.00 a.m.—Illumina-
tions.

9.30 p.m.—Ball at Government
House.

2nd Day, Thursday, May 13

Afternoon.—Chinese Day Proce-
sion.

Night.—Illuminations: Chinese
night procession; broadcast or public
performance by local Choral So-
cieties.

3rd Day, Friday, May 14

Afternoon.—Chinese day proce-
sion.

4.00 p.m.—Combined Boy Scouts'
display.

LOCAL FLOWER DAY FUNDS FOR CHINESE CHURCH BENEVOLENCE

On Saturday of this week, March
20, there is to be held a flower day
under the auspices of the Chung Wa
Shing Kung Hui, which is that part
of the Chinese church which is in
communion with the Church of Eng-
land. The proceeds will go to the
charitable organisations which it sup-
ports in Hongkong and the New
Territories.

The most important of these are
the Home for the Aged in Kowloon
and the Castle Peak Free School.
The Home for the Aged dates back
30 years; it was stated by the Rev.
Matthew Fong, then Pastor of Holy
Trinity Church: It now provides
housing, food and clothes for about
120 old people of both sexes; food
alone costs about \$1,500 a year. At
the Castle Peak Free School, which
was opened in 1929, an effort is made
to provide free education for the
children of the farmers and the boat
people.

It is hoped that the public will re-
spond generously to the appeal for
funds for these objects.

Evening.—Chinese night proces-
sion.

A suggestion that the Philharmonic
Society and the Hongkong Singers
should participate in the celebrations
was received with enthusiasm, and
it was decided that they should be
requested to arrange with the broad-
casting authorities regarding the
provision of a musical programme to
fit in with the general Coronation
broadcast programme. Though not
yet decided, this musical programme
would probably take place on May
13.



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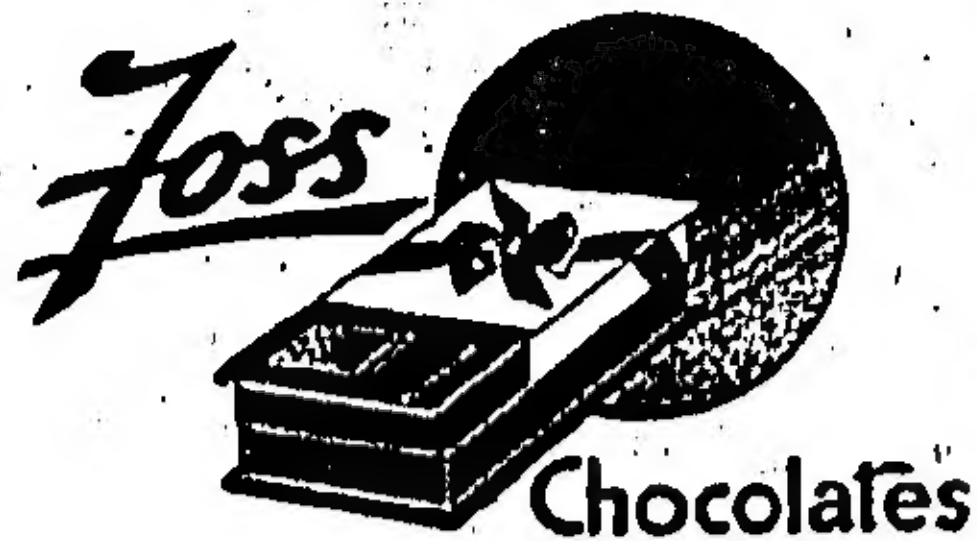
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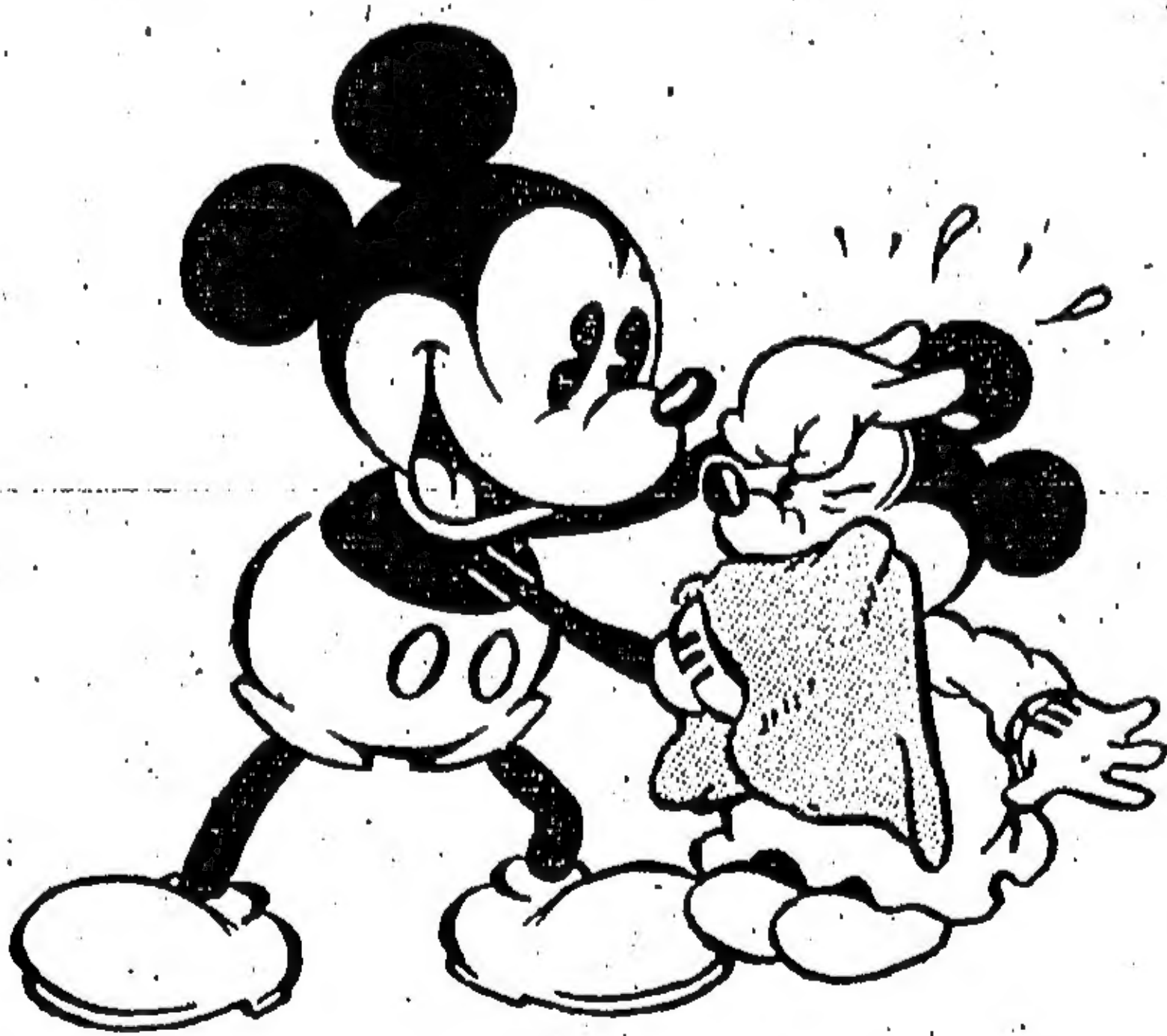
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aged 29. Funeral will pass the
Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1937.

THIS PICTURE
AND THAT

The Great War destroyed the
"absolute" monarchies of Ger-
many, Russia, Austria and
Turkey that had hitherto
remained as survivals from
earlier centuries. It appeared to
most men and especially to the
framers of the Covenant of the
League of Nations that the
world had been made "safe for
democracy". The vision of
future international relationships
was one of willing co-operation
for common ends between free,
equal, independent, democratic
nations. Inevitably occasional
disputes would occur but these

would be settled quickly in a
friendly atmosphere of goodwill
and mutual understanding. If
by any mischance the old Adam
of bellicosity or aggression re-
asserted itself anywhere, the
sanity of the whole Society of
Nations would quickly apply the
overwhelming force at its com-
mand to repress such atavistic
tendencies. That was the situa-
tion in 1920, when men promised
themselves perpetual peace in a
well-ordered world. What a dif-
ferent picture we have in 1937!

Over a large portion of Europe
there have been set up
totalitarian Governments—far
more powerful than have ever
been known before in human
history, and democracy itself is
in danger of being swamped. In
several of these States, the
League of Nations ideal of a
co-operative peaceful world-order
is openly repudiated. How is it
this degeneration has set in? A
variety of causes doubtless have
played their mischievous part—
e.g. economic nationalism, the
gross injustices in the Peace
Treaties, the lack of imagination
among statesmen of the war-
time Allies that prevented them
from foreseeing the necessity of
remedying the real grievances of
Germany and Italy. Above all
else, however, the idea was
allowed to grow in those States
and elsewhere that the League of
Nations existed mainly to per-
petuate a world regime in which
Great Britain and France reaped
all the advantages, Germany was
penalised and even Italy got a
jackal's rather than a lion's
share. Article 19 of the
League's Covenant belied this
interpretation of the League's
purpose—but it was never
applied, and in its present
form, moreover, is probably un-
workable. It will obviously be a
very difficult task to restore the
sense of co-operative goodwill
among the nations, but it must
be undertaken if our modern
civilisation is to be saved from
utter destruction. The League
of Nations way is the only way
that gives any promise, but it
must be a League in which the
possibility of peaceful change is
provided for as clearly and fully
as the preservation of law and
order.

Would you let your husband go again?

THE SUBJECT THE WOMEN
OF AN EMPIRE, AND THE MEN
TOO, ARE THINKING ABOUT

MEN who fought in
the last war are
asking each other
one question in these weeks
that are arousing the ar-
senals and smelting works
from their long sleep.

That question is "Would you
go again?"

It has been asked many times
in the past nineteen years, some-
times seriously, sometimes sar-
castically. For in only too many
cases has the lot of the man who
gave up his business or his job
in 1914-18 to join up been hard.

Associations like the British
Legion, Old Comrades and orga-
nisations for ex-officers, which
should have existed for social or
patriotic purposes only, have
found it necessary to shoulder
responsibilities for ex-service-
men which they were persuaded
at the time of the "call" would
be undertaken by the State.

Britain, it was proclaimed,
would, after the war, be a "Land
Fit for Heroes." This meant
work for the fit, generous pen-
sions for the unfit. It was the
wish of the nation that this
should be so.

Tired and scared men
returned to their
homes after the armistice con-
fident that their future had not
been jeopardised by their poor-
ly paid war service. Fights for
pensions and allowances from
the State were undreamed of.
But gradually those associations
had to line up to champion the
rights of the State's own
veterans.

Since I started my series of
articles urging reforms of the
conditions of the serving soldier

by
POP
WRIGHT

I have received batches of letters
from fellow ex-servicemen.

Many of these having pension
grievances have reproached me
for encouraging their sons to
join the colours and to place
their futures in the hands of a
State which they believe has
failed them.

Their impression generally is
that the State is mildly surprised
that they ever returned from
the war. Generous pensions
have been granted in some
cases, but the method of giving
them has been curious.

In some instances men who
never saw service outside Eng-
land have been awarded life
pensions as invalids.

Other men who claim that
they can prove by independent
medical testimony that their
health has been wrecked by ac-
tual service in the field have ap-
plied to the Pension Ministry
again and again, but in vain.

He says: "I will tell you what
I saw at the Officers' Association,

when I went there to thank
them for their efforts on my be-
half. Ex-officers—colonels, cap-
tains and others—were being
rigged out with overcoats and
boots to smarten them up for
interviews for jobs."

As an ex-private who saw the
responsibilities these now For-
gotten Men discharged in France
and on other fronts, I would
not care to watch that pathetic
parade.

Letters to me from all ranks
tell of the humiliation of the
dole queues, of "public assis-
tance" grants and of heart-
breaking decisions of the Minis-
try of Pensions. Many thousands
of the men of 1914-18 would be
eligible for service again in the
event of another war. And the
State would expect them to rush
to the colours.

NOW for the other side.
That is, a Britain
hurled into a war which, if she
did not win it, would mean her
death as an Empire. Such a
defeat would place the nation
under a reign of tyranny and
sacrifice not to be removed by
votes at general elections, or
even by a revolution.

A Britain in the first rush of
war, a Britain afire with anxiety
day and night under the un-
ceasing drone of airplanes keep-
ing sentry in the skies.

The nights would be the test
of the ex-servicemen. The farm
labourer lying in his bed would
hear the perpetual throb of the
troop and ammunition trains as
they passed through the coun-
tryside from one end of Britain
to the other.

Men in their beds in the towns
would hear that same sound.
Family men would be listening
and straining for that bellow in
the distance that would mean
the arrival in the sky of bombs,
gas and shrapnel.

Armies would disappear from
these shores in those nights.
No one, except those who sent
them, would know where they
had gone; whether they had
survived. Radio sets would be
dumb; newspapers would be
under a stern censorship.

Sons and nephews under com-
pulsion would leave their homes
for the training camps.

Rumours of disaster like those
during the days of Mons in 1914
would trickle over the country
and spread. The truth of these
would neither be admitted nor
denied officially.

THEN at night the ex-
servicemen, with his
wife and family sleeping around
him, would have his lonely
struggle.

In this matter of the children
one scene through which I pass-
ed in the dark early days of the
last war was one not to be
forgotten.

My battalion had been en-
camped in a training ground on
the outskirts of Sheffield. We
were leaving the city to entrain
for one of those "unknown des-
tinations" of the period.

People lined the roads at
every point as we marched by.
Some were in tears, others
cheered.

And then we came to a school,
standing in its own attractive
grounds. The road in front
was lined with children. They
cheered and waved their hands
as we passed them.

They were all blind.

WOULD you go again?
An old soldier who
fought at Mons wrote to me
recently from a Surrey workhouse.
He ended with the P.S.: "It
looks as though there will be
another war before long. I ex-
pect we should all have to go
again."

He supplied the answer, I
suppose.

BUT, do you know, there
need be no problem.
This country is arming—for de-
fence. We seek no quarrel with
any one; and if the women and
children as well as the men
raise their voices against our
statesmen involving us in any
more troubles such as we had
in 1914, then the battleships
and the planes will not go into
action.

We call that Splendid Isola-
tion.

'NATIONAL' MEMORIES

HOW the memories crowd on me.
From the former-owned Sun-
loch and the broken-winded Tip-
loach and the immortal quartet
who defied the hunting burden of
twelve stone seven.

Manifesto and Cloister were be-
cause my time. I love to hear the
old-timers debate and argue which
was the better. They were the first
to carry the maximum weight to
simply could not shake him off.

Wherever Eremon went, so did the
loose horse go. Once, when in mid-
dle, Newey had to hit off the loose
horse with his whip. The jockey
both win. Jerry M. was a grand
lost an iron, but that did not worry
type of "chaser, trained by Bob Gore
Newey. He kept his seat and his
and ridden by Ernest Piggett. Such
head and finally rode his horse home
his twelve stone seven, he was as
strong a fancy as was Golden Miller
to-day.

In his day Jerry M. captured the
popular imagination by his mighty
deeds.

On the great day at Aintree he
made it all look so easy. He might
have been carrying the lightest bur-
den for all the difference it made to
him. He simply toyed with the
opposition and had the race won a
long way from home.

I should say that was one of the
most comfortable rides Ernest Pig-
gett ever had in a long career in the
saddle.

It was in the year immediately
after the war that Poethlyn was
successful, with Piggett in the saddle.
He had won a war-time National
when it was run at Gatwick.
Poethlyn was a dominating factor in
his day, and as with Jerry M., the
public would not look beyond him.

They made him an 11 to 4 favour-
ite, and he did not let them down.
Then came the anti-climax to re-
mind us once more that the Grand
National can be a lottery and a law
unto itself. The year after his great
victory, Poethlyn was once more the
public choice. He fell at the very
first fence.

And, I may add, he is not the only
Grand National memories go back to
consequence was not an attractive
Anthony, was up almost night and



By J. HILTON PARK

sight in the paddock. But it did not
affect his galloping, and he was a
second successive winner for Gore,
seeing the horse score a popular vic-
tory.

Sunloch had a light weight and a
romantic career. He was regarded
as a joke in some quarters, but the
laugh was on his side when he set
off and made practically all the run-
ning.

Shaun Spadah was a grand old
horse who is still living. He was a
beautiful jumper and gave a very
smooth performance. The trainer
had just added the second in the
Lincolnshire and remarked to me,
"Never mind. I will be first in the
National" and his words came true.

Muscle Hall was trained by Golden
Miller's present trainer. When he
ran at Hurst Park shortly before the
National, he came back with a lump
a morass, but Troytown skipped
one to have done that. My earliest
Grand National memories go back to
consequence was not an attractive
Anthony, was up almost night and

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TRISTAN DA CUNHA HOPES TO BE ATLANTIC AIR BASE

Cap Pilar First With News Of George VI

From ADRIAN SELIGMAN

Capetown, Mar. 1.

Harbour again. And one of our happiest tasks accomplished—the visit to Tristan.

It was a month's passage from Rio, and for the first fortnight baffling headwinds delayed us.

Cloudy skies made navigation mostly guesswork, and with visibility reduced to less than half a mile we made a lucky landfall in fog.

As the Cap Pilar's boats made the beach, the entire population turned out to greet us. One boat overturned in the surf, but the 19 mailbags and 11 tons of stores were landed undamaged.

Women swept down to embrace the crew. Letters, letters, news from the outside world was what they wanted.

We were the first to tell them there had been a change of kings in England.

Sixty-one-year-old Mrs. Repetto, a great-grandmother and chief woman of the island, told of King George VI's accession said: "His father was always good to us. Our duty is to stand by Tristan and hold it for the Empire."

First letter opened by the Rev. Harold Wilde, vicar, schoolmaster, magistrate, administrator and doctor of the island, was an income-tax demand.

The largest mail was received by Agnes Rogers, the only Roman Catholic in a Protestant community.

ISLAND DANCES

On the evening of our landing the island's tiny church was packed to overflowing for a thanksgiving service attended by the Cap Pilar's crew.

Precious candles were sacrificed for a dance held later in our honour. We all joined in the island folk dances—and demonstrated modern jazz to the music of gramophone records presented by King George VI.

Sanson, the biologist from Edinburgh, wearing his kilt, spellbound the Tristaners with an exhibition of the Scottish reel.

DOCTOR CALLED

During this time the Cap Pilar, unable to anchor in the heavy seas, was standing by off the coast. Next day a number of islanders came aboard and a sudden squall compelled them to stay the night.

The ship's surgeon, Dr. E. C. Atkinson, managed to get ashore.

NO SOLEMNITY TO OBSEQUIES

AUSTRALIAN FUNERAL PARTIES LACKED OBSERVANCE OF DIGNIFIED RITES

Sydney, Mar. 1.

A funeral party that came to bury Jim Carroll, one of the best party prospects at Tennant Creek, Central Australia, found the grave digger fast asleep under a tree and had to dig the grave themselves.

The grave digger was an old friend of Carroll, and he had received four bottles of beer and thirty shillings in advance. The funeral party consisted of a Roman Catholic priest, a Methodist minister, several Government officials and some ex-service men, but when the funeral cortege arrived four hours later the grave had barely been started and the grave digger was still sleeping. Everyone took a turn with the shovel and the service began half an hour later.

KEY WAS WANTED

In another case, a publican died and was buried in his pyjamas. After the burial the funeral party adjourned to the dead man's bar, but found the key had been buried with him, in the pocket of his pyjamas. The grave was opened, the key recovered and matters were set right.

Then there was the well known Adelaide figure Paddy O'Sullivan, who sat down behind a shed on a race course and quietly passed away. It was agreed to bury him immediately and the race meeting was suspended for a while.

The grave was dug and the body was being lowered to the spot on some hurdles when a man vowed that he saw O'Sullivan move. The procession was stopped, an old prospector marched solemnly to the corpse and, standing by the head, pulled the cork from a bottle with a loud pop. O'Sullivan did not stir, and it was agreed, that he, being a noted toper, would have responded to the "pop" if he had been alive, and the funeral went on.

24 ESCAPES FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND

La Rochelle, Mar. 1.
News of the escape of 24 convicts from the French penal settlement at Guiana (Devil's Island) over six months ago was received in a letter which arrived at St. Martin de Re, near here, to-day.

The escapes all took place in July and August, and among those who got away were five convicts serving life sentences. One of them, Paul Garnot, had been sentenced in 1909 at the age of 21.—Reuter.

It is known in London, according to messages from Port of Spain, Trinidad, that nine fugitives had succeeded some months ago in reaching the colony after a hazardous voyage in open boats.

however, in time to assist at the birth of the latest addition to the island's population.

Both he and Jane (Mrs. Seligman) inspected the island hospital, homes and school. They were impressed by their cleanliness, the abundance of simple food, and the intelligence of the children.

CONTENTMENT

Keynotes of Tristan's life are courtesy, good health and contentment. There is no money, no hurry, no crime, no punishment.

The lack of necessity ever to raise their voices has rendered Tristanites physically incapable of shouting.

The population numbers 187. In the last three years there has been only one death, and that was due to an accident. In the same period there were 12 births.

Seven surnames suffice for the whole population—Glass, Rogers, Green, Swain, Hodges, Repetto and Lavello. Families with the last two names are descendants of Italian shipwrecked sailors who settled on the island.

DARING FISHERMEN

Normal lighting is by sea elephant oil lamps. Islanders have no watches, and tell the time by the sun.

When a Dutch submarine recently visited the island the population refused at first to launch boats, thinking it a whale.

Women wear ankle-long dresses with girlish and kerchiefs over the head. A boy scout troop 20 strong bore a flag presented by Shackleton.

Industries on the island are cloth-weaving, making of penguin skin matts, agriculture and fishing.

In their 17 surf-boats made of local brushwood covered with canvas the island's fishermen show remarkable navigating skill on the gigantic rollers.

NOT STARVING

The Rev. Harold Wilde describes Tristan as an "island of opportunity." "It is untrue to say we are starving," he says. "We have a good surplus of last year's provisions in hand. In five years we shall be self-supporting."

"We only require tools, clothing and a larger boat for inter-island communication."

"Our duty is to stand by Tristan, and make it a valuable South Atlantic base for an enemy Power."

The islanders hope that it may become a refuelling station for a Buenos Aires-Capetown Airway. The island is officially recommended, owing to its abundant water power, as a meteorological station with wireless communication.

Before leaving for the Cape we took on board a new pet—a live penguin given us by an island boy. Dennis, the pig, is no more. He spent a happy week ashore while we were at Rio.

But during the lengthy voyage to Tristan, salt horse and bully beef became a monotonous diet for the ship's company.

The crew cast longing eyes on Dennis. Finally the temptation proved too great, and Dennis passed on peacefully.

1.45 a.m. Is The Hour He Dreads

GRESFORD SURVIVOR STILL DREAMS OF THE DISASTER

JOHN EDWARD SAMUELS, hero of the Gresford Colliery disaster, whose courage was mentioned in terms of high commendation in the report of Sir Henry Walker, Chief Inspector of Mines, is a haunted man.

Nightly since the disaster occurred, nearly thirty months ago, he has started from his sleep, with a dread echo of the explosion ringing in his ears.

And it is always at 1.45 a.m., the time of the first explosion, that this occurs.

Samuels, who had previously worked thirty years as a miner, has never been down a mine since. He is now working as a gardener at Beer, Devonshire.

He revealed recently that on each of the two anniversaries of the tragedy he has suffered from agonising nightmares.

"I shall never recover from the shock," he said. "Night after



Captain G. H. Parry, R. D., R.N.R.—new commander of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, which arrives in Hongkong on Monday.

Fateful Seaside Meeting

BROTHER AND SISTER WHO FELL IN LOVE

IN AUGUST LAST Mlle. ERNESTINE REGNIER PASSED AN IDEAL HOLIDAY AT BRIGHTON, AND IT WAS ALL THE MORE SO BECAUSE THERE SHE MADE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A CHARMING YOUNG FRENCHMAN NAMED YVES BURET.

The couple fell in love, and after their return to their respective homes, she to Paris and he to Rouen, they wrote to each other and from time to time met during holidays.

The love they bore each other only became more intense with these meetings, and finally they decided that they would get married before the opening of Lent, the young man having improved his position professionally.

Joyfully they set out for the Mayor of one of the Paris suburbs to "put up the banns." The clerk was charmed by their obvious happiness, and willingly set himself to check the various details they had given of their origin.

Suddenly he looked up with a puzzled expression, and then, to the astonishment of the young couple, he said:

COULDN'T MARRY

"I am sorry, I cannot marry you." "Why not?" they asked, crestfallen. He seemed reluctant to answer, but under pressure he spoke at last: "Because you are brother and sister."

The pair looked at him incredulously, wondering whether this was just a specimen of official humour, but when they had answered the questions put to them by the official they had to leave the building with the certainty that he was right.

The explanation is that their mother had been married several times. Though they were born of the same father, the boy was born out of wedlock and abandoned by his parents.

He knew nothing of their fate or of the birth of the children to them, and his mother went by the name of an uncle who had been a father to him.

Thus it was, when he met his sister on that afternoon at Brighton, he did not connect her in any way with his family or dream for a moment of the

close relationship existing between them.

Now that they know the truth they can see for themselves the close family resemblance.

They have appealed to various high authorities, even to the President of the Republic, to take into account the special circumstances and authorize their marriage, but there is little hope of their prayer being granted, for French law is formal on the point.

Bournemouth Wealthiest In England

London, Mar. 1.

Bournemouth is the richest town in Great Britain.

A survey just concluded into the purchasing power of every one of the country's greatest centres of population by the compilers of the "Marketing Survey of the United Kingdom" shows that Bournemouth is 40 per cent richer than Oxford.

Oxford is next after Bournemouth. Luton is third, Coventry is fourth, Huddersfield is fifth, Watford is sixth and London is seventh.

The normal for the country is taken at 100. Bournemouth stands as high as 185, and the figure for London is 124. Low in the list are industrial and shipping towns like Swansea, with fifty-seven, and Barrow-in-Furness, with sixty-one.

Pittbury is low in the figure for Merthyr, in the centre of stricken Wales—forty-five.

The book reflects the nation's recent progress in an estimate by Colin Clark, Cambridge statistician, who says the national income is up \$35,000,000. Gross national income will reach the record high total of \$26,500,000,000, he predicts.

FIRST WIFE HAS COST ME £200,000

—D. W. Griffith

New York, Mar. 1.

D. W. ("Birth of a Nation") Griffith, pioneer film director, has been summoned to appear before the Nine Old Men (the U.S. Supreme Court) to substantiate his charge that his first wife has cost him a million dollars (more than £200,000) since their separation in 1911.

He made the allegation in answer to suits by his first wife, in which she demanded \$7,000 back alimony and the nullification of his marriage last March to twenty-seven-year-old blonde Evelyn Baldwin Griffith.

Griffith alleges that his wife accused him of illicit relations with other women, that she interfered (until stopped) with his direction of films, assuming the direction herself, and asserting that she had written stories of which he was the author.

RADIO BROADCAST

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11.30 Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

1 p.m. Time and Weather.

1.30 The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.50 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather, Time and Announcements.

1.40 Kitty Masters (vocal) and Bing Crosby (vocal).

2 p.m. Concert Waltzes.

2.15 Close Down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Grand Opera.

"Lohengrin"—Prelude (Wagner)... London Symphony Orchestra; "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" (Wagner)... London Symphony Orchestra, and Good evening, Master!

I see why (Wagner)... F. Schurz (Baritone) and G. Ljungberg (Soprano); "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti)...

—What restrains me?... Galli-Curci, Homer, Gigli, de Luca, Pinza and Bada, vocal sextet; "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni)—Mother, you know the story; "La Bohème" (Puccini)... Claudia Muzio (Soprano).

7.10 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 Military Band Music.

La Source Ballet (arr. Winterbottom)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Mechanized Infantry—Quick March (McBain); Fanfare (Adams); The Minstrel Boy (Trad.); The Wolf Tower (Horner).

Massed Band of the Aldershot and Eastern Command; Wee MacGregor Patrol (Amers); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Hobomoko—Intermezzo (Reeves); Wedding of the Rose (Jessel)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. London—"This is England," talks by representative English people. 11: Mrs. J. Bell, of Cumberland. A countrywoman. Introduced by Anthony Weymouth. (Editorial Recording).

8.15 p.m. Leslie Hutchinson. Your heart and mine; When I'm with you; Where am I?; Hutch Medley.

8.30 p.m. The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

8.55 London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. From the Studio. Interlude at the Piano by Doreen Ma.

1. When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South; 2. There's something in the air; 3. Thru the courtesy of Love; 4. Moon glow; 5. Stardust.

9.30 Classical Selection (arr. Ewing), played by London Philharmonic Orchestra.

9.40 From the Studio. A Talk: "The Longest Trial in History," by H. C. Macnamara.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

10 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox Trot—Sing, sing, sing; Fox Trot—Harlem; Fox Trot—The way you look to-night; Fox Trot—A fine romance; Fox Trot—At the Cafe Continental; Fox Trot—On the Beach at Ball-Ball; Tango—The tang of my heart; Fox Trot—A star fell out of Heaven; Fox Trot—Did I remember?; My Hawaiian song of love.

10.30 p.m. "Under Big Ben." A talk by Howard Marshall.

10.45 p.m. Dance Music (Continued).

Fox Trot—I don't want to make History; Fox Trot—It ain't nobody's business what I do; Tango—Mon Amour; Fox Trot—Every time I look at you; Fox Trot—Sugar Rose.

11 p.m. The Grand National. A running commentary from the Race Course, Aintree, Liverpool.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

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KONG PLAYS STUDIOUS TENNIS TO BEAT LEONARD

EMPLOYS A NEW GRIP

With Some Success
LEONARD'S FAILING

(By "Veritas")

WHEN Paul Kong, ex-Davis Cup player and tennis stylist, won the first three games against J. W. Leonard in their second round Colony tennis championship match at the Cricket Club yesterday, it was made abundantly clear that something very unusual would have to happen for Kong to lose the match. The unusual did not occur and Kong won fairly comfortably by 6-3, 6-4.

The Chinese player, I am told, was employing a new forehand grip. It looked suspiciously like a Perry grip, the index finger being placed well up the side of the handle. But it cannot be said to have produced Perry results, especially when Kong essayed cross-court forehand drives. It seemed for this stroke that Kong was getting his wrist above the head of the racket with the result that most of his cross-court shots were made with an open faced racket which caused the ball to "loop" if and when it did clear the net. Kong's pivot on his right foot for this shot was also an exaggeration.

KONG'S BEST SHOT

Kong was happiest when driving straight down the line. It is his best shot off the ground for it has pace, low trajectory, and occasionally a bit of "going-away" spin. Kong's volleying was sound rather than brilliant, his overhead, on the whole, reliable and efficacious, and his courtcraft admirable. There was smooth rhythm in his strokes, and he was always playing as though he had something in hand—a true indication that a player is on top.

I liked Kong's display in this game because it was studious. Kong has discarded his somewhat slap-dash methods and now plays thoughtful tennis backed by becoming strokes. But he still foot-faults on every delivery, as he always will while his pivots so violently on his front foot so close to the line.

I can't help feeling Leonard's tennis would make very rapid improvement if he could overcome his propensity for indulging in hysterical histrionics on the court. The slightest bit of bad luck seems sufficient to upset his equilibrium. A big match can never be won while a player is so susceptible.

MISTAKEN TACTICS

Leonard, as expected, decided to adopt defensive tactics in this game in the hopes that Kong could not hold out in the long rallies. There were brief periods when these methods brought their success. Nevertheless Leonard might have displayed a little more initiative with better results. It so happened that Kong himself was quite safe on the

Latest English Rugby Results

London, Mar. 18.
In a high-scoring county rugby match to-day, Oxfordshire defeated Middlesex by 33 points to 20.
Other important results were:
Newport 12 Oxford U. 8
Neath 3 Swansea 3
Birkenhead 14 Blackheath 10.
—Router.

baseline and was seldom worried by Leonard's rearguard action.

Leonard's determination to keep the ball in the court was commendable except that usually his shots did not possess sufficient sting behind them to make Kong uncomfortable. Rather did they present the Chinese with opportunities for stronger returns and a consequent net excursion.

Leonard pulled out some very good shots at intervals. Kong did not always find it advisable to rush the forecourt as the Craigower player had a very respectable passing shot which scored quite often in the early stages of the match. But regarded generally, Leonard's tennis was much too negative to succeed against a player of Kong's type. It required an adventurous spirit on the other side of the net to bring about a different result.



ATTEMPTED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:—Among the many figure skaters who participated in the World Championships in London in the beginning of March, was the English couple Cliff who are seen above during their exercise at St. Moritz.

IMPORTANT BADMINTON MATCH AT THE EU TONG-SEN GYMNASIUM TO-NIGHT

(By "Veritas")

GOVERNOR'S CUP AND LAI WAH CUP TEAMS

Teams for two representative football matches have been announced by the Hongkong Football Association. For the Governor's Cup against the H.K.C.A.F. at Sookunpoo on March 29, the Hongkong F.A. will be represented by: Howlands (Goalkeepers), Wolverson (Goalkeepers), Williamson (Goalkeepers), Beltrac (Goalkeepers), and Parker (Goalkeepers). For the Governor's Cup against the H.K.C.A.F. at Sookunpoo on March 29, the Hongkong F.A. will be represented by: Howlands (Goalkeepers), Wolverson (Goalkeepers), Williamson (Goalkeepers), Beltrac (Goalkeepers), and Parker (Goalkeepers).

LAH WAH CUP TEAM

The Lai Wah Cup team has also been chosen and contains one or two surprises. The Eleven is as follows: Hodger (Club); A.V. Gosano (Recreio) and Costa (St. Joseph's); North (Police), Beltrac (Recreio) and Bliss (Kowloon); Fowler (Club), B. Gosano (Recreio), Leonard (St. Joseph's), D. Knox (Kowloon) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—S. Strange (Club), E. Strange (Club), C. Remedios (Recreio) and Gomes (Recreio). B. I. Bickford, the Club left winger, will captain the team. The match, which is the Lai Wah Cup final, will be played on Easter Monday on the Kowloon F. C. ground.

CHARITY CUP REPLAY

It is announced that arrangements have been completed for the replay of the International Charity Cup match between Ireland and Wales to take place on Wednesday, March 31 on the Kowloon F. C. ground.

Bribe of £50 Offered to Goalkeeper

(By Charles Buchanan)

Shortly before the fifth round F.A. Cup tie between Everton and Tottenham Hotspur, at Goodison Park, Sagar, Everton's international goalkeeper, received an anonymous letter offering him a £50 bribe to lose the match.

The letter bore a Mansfield postmark.

Sagar handed the letter to the club officials. The match was drawn. At the replay at White Hart Lane, I saw Mr. W. C. Cuff, chairman of the Management Committee of the Football League. He confirmed that the player had received the letter, but I gathered that he rightly considered the matter of little importance.

Players have received letters of this type in other seasons, but they have been misguided attempts at jokes.

Some years ago, when captain of Sunderland, I received a letter offering £1,000 if we lost a Cup tie with Newcastle United. I reported the matter and it was discovered that the writer was an inmate of a mental home near Bristol.

Seating accommodation at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium is likely to be taxed to capacity this evening when the return match between the University "A" and Recreio "A" in the men's doubles badminton league will be played.

University need to win this game to carry off the title. If Recreio wins, a play-off will be necessary, as Varsity have already taken points from the Portuguese in King's Park. The odds on University winning this evening are fairly considerable, for it is generally recognised that the court at the gymnasium is a severe handicap to any visiting team. This is a pity because the court could very easily be made almost ideal. The fault lays in the white walls which reflect the heavy lights and make vision of a white-feathered shuttlecock extremely difficult. If the walls could be darkened the University would boast a court comparable to the best in the Far East.

However, this evening's game will be played under existing conditions and for that reason alone I confidently expect University to win. In addition Recreio are likely to take the court without L. A. Carvalho, who has been suffering from a bout of malaria this week and is a very doubtful starter.

But whether Carvalho plays or not, H. A. Barros will be brought into the team. If Carvalho plays, Barros will take E. de Souza's place, partnering H. A. Alves. If Carvalho is absent, Sousa will also figure in the team. So far as I know the University will be at full strength, and a very formidable team it is. I expect to see it win by about 6-3.

The following are the probable teams.

UNIVERSITY "A"

P. E. Tan and P. K. Hui, T. C. Lee and K. L. Yung, C. H. Soon and K. S. Liaw.

RECREIO "A"

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, H. A. Barros and M. A. Silva, H. A. Alves and E. de Souza.

In consequence of this evening's match, which has been especially arranged, the University have conceded a walk-over to St. John's Cathedral in the mixed doubles.

It is also announced that the "B" Division men's doubles match between St. John's and V.R.C. the outcome of which may decide the runners-up position will be played on Monday next at the Cathedral Hall.

King Wins His First Race On The Flat

A terrific outburst of cheering greeted His Majesty's win in the Molyneux event for two year-olds over five furlongs at Liverpool to-day. His horse Jubilee, running the first race of his career, won the event.

Jubilee was sired by Mister Jinks and started as a 6 to 4 favourite. After leading most of the way, Jubilee came under pressure close to home, but held on to win by a length from Sir Victor Sassoon's Love-Call, Major Bonser's Valentine, a head away. Nineteen horses ran in the race.

Jubilee was ridden by the King's new jockey, 21-year-old Jackie

SINGLES MATCHES TO-DAY

In Tennis Championship

(By "Veritas")

This afternoon's programme in the Colony tennis championships is given over entirely to singles matches. Four are down for decision including the first round tie between Wei Chung and S. S. Hussain which was left unfinished at the first time of asking owing to Hussain suffering from an attack of cramp when leading 6-5 in the final set.

E. C. Fincher comes into action again, meeting Tsai Ping-fan in the C.R.C. league play. Fincher is a certain winner, but the encounter should not be uninteresting as Tsai is a useful player, and very steady.

Hussain should win his replay with Wei and Liang Sai-wah is safe to advance into the third round at the expense of Wang the Army player. Likewise Frank Kwok, conqueror of G. Bodiker, should experience no great difficulty in beating C. P. Ip. The full programme for to-day follows.

OPEN SINGLES

Wei Chung v. S. S. Hussain.
A. Warr v. S. W. Liang.
F. H. Kwok v. C. P. Ip.
E. C. Fincher v. P. F. Tsai.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

F. V. Harrison v. A. C. I. Bowker.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

M. Fagh and J. Thompson v. O. E. C. Martin and D. B. Evans.
C. C. Stark and F. A. Joseph v. J. and G. S. Hodger.

HANDICAP SINGLES

D. S. Robb v. A. H. McBride.

Vanished Racehorse Sensation

Confusion was caused recently in Tattersall's Ring at Chiswick and in the betting office all over Britain by the disappearance of a racehorse.

One of the runners for the Chequers Selling Handicap Steeplechase, the well-backed Skrun Bridge, bolted on the way to the post and did not come under the starter's orders. Skrun Bridge at the time was second favourite at 9 to 4, and his withdrawal from the field left the bookmakers betting at a loss.

Bookmakers consider that the risk of an eleven-hour withdrawal should be borne equally by backer and layer.

They declare that the starting prices should be scaled down so that the "ring" is not betting at a loss.

Crouch who recently returned from a successful season in India.

Everyone was highly delighted with the King's victory with the first horse he has raced on the flat—Reiter.

CHIEF FEATURES OF THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

GORDITO'S UNHAPPY DEFEAT

FINE RIDING BY C. L. GREGORY

The outstanding feature of the First Extra Race Meeting held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club last Saturday was Gordito's defeat by Pagan Love in the Tytam Handicap "A" division. Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose-Queen, who was made a ragging hot favourite, let the punters down very badly in the "All-Out" Stakes while Sir Victor's Honeymoon Eve failed to get a place in a field of four runners.

The attendance was not up to the usual mark of the Extra Meetings, but there were several close and exciting finishes. The fields on the whole were pretty good, though favourites had a poor day.

The best dividend for a win was \$71.10 handed out by Soldier of Peace, ably ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, in the Hongkong Handicap "B" division while in the "Daily Double" event, the combination of Pagan Love and Feudal Knight paid out \$443.50—the biggest of this season.

The most successful jockey was Mr. W. H. S. Davis who rode three winners out of four mounts, but he had to go all out on Centre Court in the finale. Messrs. Leo Frost and S. C. Liang each scored a couple of wins. Mr. S. L. Yuen, the coming novice, just managed to get home first on Kum Shan in the Lotters Stakes while Mr. Ip Kuei-yung on Feudal Knight annexed the Tytam Handicap "B" division by the narrowest of margins.

Mr. C. L. Gregory (a novice) was placed twice at the last meeting and I was glad that he had some decent mounts. In December last I said that he was not getting the riding that he deserved and it certainly pays one to keep an eye open on this young lad during the extra meetings.

Mr. "Bob" Charles, the great old veteran, delighted his supporters when he finished third on The Right Time in the Handicap Plate to pay \$17.40 for a place and the pair were given a great ovation as they passed the Grand Stand to the dismounting enclosure. Mr. Charles' last ride was on St. John in the Adelaide Stakes, run on February 20, 1935, and it is to be hoped that he will very soon register his first win of this season.

MR. FROST SAT STILL TO WIN

Mr. Leo Frost had only to sit still on Rose Evelyn when the roan mare took the lead at the release of the barrier and romped home in easy fashion to register her first win in the Hay and Corn Stakes over five furlongs. Stopwatch filled the second place, but there was a good fight between Racing Boy, Copper Idol and Wadebridge for the third position in the frame. The decision was in favour of Racing Boy who in his younger days was a crack-jacker.

NOVICE JOCKEY WINS NEATLY

As was expected, the novice-jockey Mr. S. L. Yuen was responsible for Kum Shan's victory over Rob Roy (Mr. Foy) in the Lotters Stakes. In the last hundred yards before the wire was reached, it could be seen that Mr. Yuen was sitting better and Kum Shan responded gamely to smother the verdict by a neck.

Public's Misguided Confidence

After the race I was very much surprised to learn that there were 1,854 tickets on Rose-Queen to win the "All Out" Stakes over six furlongs. I failed to see why such confidence was placed on this "B" class pony against such stalwarts as Honeymoon Eve, Mistake Bay and Oak Bay over a short distance. The running of Honeymoon Eve was very disappointing owing to the fact that in her last outing, Sir Victor's dam mare trounced Soldier of Britain, Mistake Bay and Oak Bay in the Consolation Stakes over a mile run on February 24. It cannot be argued that Honeymoon Eve had not the prowess over six fur-

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longs, for the mare proved last year in the Morrell Hill Handicap that she was a sprinter. However it was in this event that Mr. Davis opened his account with a creditable performance on Oak Bay and followed it up with another success on Dick Turpin in the subsequent race.

ARM-CHAIR RIDE DICK TURPIN'S CANTER WIN

Prior to the running of Randwick Plate for Australian ponies, Mrs. Eu Tong-sen had the pleasure of leading three successive placed ponies of her husband, namely Rose Evelyn (winner of Hay and Corn Stakes), Rob Roy (lost to Kum Shan by a neck in the Lotters Stakes) and Rose-Queen (third in the "All Out" Stakes).

It was then Mrs. Eu's turn to bring in her own Dick Turpin who annexed the Randwick Plate with four lengths in front of the second pony, Twilight Star and it was certainly an arm-chair ride for Mr. Davis. There was hardly any excitement in this race for the finish was like a "March Past" of an ordinary ceremonial parade. Mrs. Eu's fourth pony, Boronia Belle, the fifth pony, was a complete wash-out. Courting Eve, who refused to accept, was reported to be lame.

PUBLIC'S THREE FAVOURED

But Gladiator Won In The End

The absence of Bear Claw and Diana Bay, who refused to accept the top-weight allotted to them in the Hongkong Handicap "A" division over the champion course, added interest to the pari-mutuel. Cossack's Beauty was the highest backed charger with 613 tickets for a win while Soldier of Britain had 879 followers. Gladiator came in for a fair share of the business with 708 supporters and this warrior paid \$16 for putting in his first. It will be seen that the betting public made three favourites, but Gladiator was too good under the guidance of Mr. Frost and ran true to his form as was shown in the Consolation Stakes.

RACING AT MACAO NEXT SUNDAY: SELECTIONS

(By "Captain Foster")

The Macao Jockey Club is holding the March Race Meeting at Arica Preta, Macao, on Sunday. The opening event will be run at 2 p.m. The a.s. Kinshan will leave at 9.30 a.m., and return at 6 p.m.

The Club is conducting a special two dollar cash sweep on the main event, the South China Cup, and the first prize will be worth winning. Fairly good entries have been received for the main event, the Central China Handicap for China ponies of D and E classes over a mile, and Diogenes, the winner of Faaling Grand National, holds post of honour. His last flat racing brought a win in the Dilatory Handicap at the Happy Valley on December 19, but he was in receipt of five pounds from Fridge of Tsingtao whereas on Sunday Diogenes is set to concede three pounds. A good race is assured.

The Hongkong representatives, Gold Coin, Laughing Buddha, Plain View, and Victoria Hall have been allotted from 150 lbs. upwards while the Macao runners are at the bottom. Shanghai 4 has two engagements but I would like to see him battling up against the Valley starters. I fancy Laughing Buddha, who has been kindly treated.

The Tientsin Handicap for Macao ponies is a novice event over seven furlongs and my vote is on Hogmanay who, I understand, will be ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen. Gold Reserve and Wentworth should have some say in the finish.

A good field is almost certain in the St. Ping Plate over six furlongs for subscription ponies of the Club which arrived at Macao since December 1, 1936, for there are 15 entries. Spotting the winner is not easy owing to the fact that these chargers are trained at Arica Preta. Emilio Henson did a good gallop last Saturday and so did Meadow Eve. Clunie House, Fairy Ouse and Morning Trip have won races in Shanghai while Fairy Auk and Newmarket Tip were placed on some of their outings. I like Meadow Eve for he was placed in the Wuchang Handicap run at Macao on January 10.

GORDITO PIPPED ON POST

Exciting Race Provides A Surprise

Disciples of coincidence will doubtless remember that at this time last year Rose Evelyn, Miss Champion of the Colonial, met her first Waterloo in the Tytam Handicap "A" division and the gentleman in charge of handing out the poundage was again in a certain measure responsible for Gordito's fate in the same event run last Saturday.

It is to be hoped that the owners will not in any way be disconcerted over the failure of Gordito, for I firmly believe that the race was lost through the boring of the pony which caught the jockey unawares. Then on top of this, Mr. Pih was not feeling too well and the absence of his usual dash at the finish was very conspicuous. It was a judicious allotment of the weights, but it was no joke for Gordito to concede a pound more than a stone to Pagan Love and then to go under by a short head.

The race itself was not devoid of any excitement, for there were 11 acceptors and incidentally it was the first leg of the "Daily Double" event. At the fall of the flag, Anxy (Mr. N. Fan) jumped to the front followed by Whiskey, Pagan Love with the rest of the field in close attendance. There was hardly any noticeable change in the order of running as the steeds passed the "Black Rock," but coming into the straight the runners separated for the home run.

Gordito, as usual, came on the outside berth, but after passing the mile beacon he made a beeline for the rail and the jockey had to ease off a bit to maintain his balance. Mention was made in my last notes that it was hoped that there would be a perfect rhythm in the new combination but the race was lost at this juncture. However the battle did not end until the "W.P." was reached. Pagan Love had pressed by Mr. S. C. Liang with the liberal use of the whip secured the verdict by a short head. Then two lengths behind came another duel between Whiskey and Coronation Day. The jockey Mr. Gregory claimed 5 lbs. allowance on Whiskey and the pair nosed out Coronation Day (Mr. Frost) for the third place. Elephant ran well up to the distance post but petered out in the last stretch. Tempest seemed to have had enough of racing while Anxy was well beaten before turning the bend.

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The main event, the South China Cup over a mile, is a forced entry of all subscription ponies of the Club entered for the March Meeting and there are no less than 31 runners. It is a handicap contest and it is impossible to predict at this juncture how many runners are going to line up. The large number of entries shows clearly that the Macao Jockey Club has gained the confidence of racing owners and it is to be hoped that punters will turn up in large force.

Shanghai 4, who has not lost a race since he landed at Macao, has been asked to carry 100 lbs. and this "B" class pony is only 13 hands in height. He has to give a stone to Holsen, Shih Yin Grand and Victory Life and it will undoubtedly be a severe test of his horse-power. All racing fans would like to see Shanghai 4 romp home in flying colours.

PUT YOUR SHIRT ON THIS In the North China Plate over a mile, The Big Trail is my fancy to be followed by Pruselan, Plane and White Split. On his last running at the Valley, it is quite safe to put your shirt on Perslan Cat in the Ho Pei Handicap over a mile, confined to unplaced sub-juniors of the Hongkong Jockey Club. (Continued on Page 9.)

CAPTAIN FOSTER'S RACING REVIEW

TEN BACK "DAILY DOUBLE" EACH RECEIVES \$443.50

There were only 116 successful nominators on Pagan Love for the first leg and when the Telegraph Board went up for the second leg of the "daily double" event, the Tyum Handicap "B" division, the punters were in a quandary as to their selections. There were four ponies fighting the issue out neck and neck down the straight and Feudal Knight won the race by a short head. The same distance separated Mac's Adventure and Persian Cat. China Clipper was a few inches behind the third pony and punters really got their monies worth. There were only ten successful backers in the daily double event and they each got \$443.50 for the confidence placed on Feudal Knight.

Belated Effort By King's Lead

LEFT TOO LATE

King's Lead piloted by Mr. Y. T. Fung staged a come-back but he finished third behind Soldier of Peace and Tyne in the Hongkong Handicap "B" division. Although I am a strong advocate of riding from the back, King's Lead was too far in the rear when going up the incline and had to be up with the field, I would be writing a different story.

The best dividend of the Meeting was \$71.10 paid by Soldier of Peace, well ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, who timed his mount to a nicety. Tyne made all the running from the word "go" and the jockey Mr. Frost rode a hard race to maintain the lead until he was pipped over the last ten yards by the head of Soldier of Peace. Bistre, as was predicted, finished a good fourth and a note should be kept of this outing. Bright View, who was made a warm favourite, faded away before the distance post was reached while New Star with a novice up was never in the picture.

BEST FINISH OF THE DAY

AUSSIE PONIES HIT FORM

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Moonie Ponds Handicap for Australian ponies over a mile when a blanket could have covered Centre Court, Bag Tor, Vixen Tor, Derby Day and Ranger, as they crossed the line in the order

named. It was in this event that Mr. Davis closed his account with a third win on Centre Court and he certainly gave a superb display of horsemanship.

Credit must also be given to young Gregory who handled Bag Tor to a perfection. He lost the race by only half-a-length. It seems, though I may be wrong, that this novice's style of riding is more adaptive to an Australian than a Chinese pony and no doubt we shall be able to form a better judgment before the recess. It might interest one to know that had Bag Tor won, the dividend would have been in the vicinity of \$530 and those 23 backers would have left the Race Course in high spirits. As it was, Bag Tor handed out \$37.50 for a second position while Whaley, a stable companion, under the guidance of Mr. Gregory returned \$46.50—the biggest prize for place betting.

MACAO RACE MEETING

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Club, at time of entry, but be careful about China Clipper. The Meeting will wind up with a Ladies Race (Unofficial) over five furlongs and the Misses B. and F. fair should be watched.

My selection for Macao on Sunday are as follows:

CENTRAL CHINA HANDICAP

Laughing Buddha
Diogenes
Gold Coin

TIENSIN HANDICAP

Hogmanay
Gold Reserve
Westworth

PEI PING PLATE

Meadow Eve
Lealie Henson
Morning Tip

SOUTH CHINA CUP

Shanghai 4
Shih Yin Grand
Victory Life

NORTH CHINA PLATE

The Big Trail
Prussian Plane
White Spirit

HO PEI HANDICAP

Persian Cat
China Clipper
National Faith

LADIES RACE (UNOFFICIAL)

Miss B. Fair's mount
Miss F. Fair's mount
Miss Baldwin's mount

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. MEETING CRITICISMS BY MEMBERS

A warning about the financial position was given by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, President of the Y.M.C.A., in his address to the members at their annual meeting, which was held in the West Lounge yesterday.

Dissatisfaction was expressed by the members about the food and the running of the Association's swimming pool. Owing to the sharp rise in the cost of catering, owing to the drop in the dollar, a loss on the working after allowing for depreciation had resulted. Sir Henry Pollock informed the meeting that the Board of Directors had reluctantly decided to increase the tariff of the Association. Supporting Sir Henry Pollock were Messrs. P. S. Cassidy (Vice-President), A. W. Ingram (Secretary), F. H. Crapnell, John Fleming, A. G. W. Ticker, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. L. MacPherson, D. Drummond, Professor R. Robertson and W. J. Ashton (Asst. Secretary).

Members' Criticisms. Mr. C. E. Manning expressed the view that considering several of the members of the Association had already left to take up cheaper residences outside, he felt that it would be a mistake to raise the tariffs.

Mr. N. Stockton said that he agreed with the raising of the tariffs if that increase would be put into the dining room. The food had been a matter of dissatisfaction among many of the members.

Mr. Cassidy replied and said that the reason for members leaving had been that they had found cheaper lodgings elsewhere. These establishments had been run at a loss and several of them had had to close down. It was impossible to run the Association at a loss and the increase in tariff had only been brought forward after considerable thought.

Mr. R. Goldman expressed dissatisfaction with the running of the swimming pool. Certain periods which had been allotted to members for training had been encroached upon and given to military units. He desired that the matter be brought before the Directors and settled there.

The Hon. Mr. A. W. Hughes, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. R. C. Harley were re-elected to the Board of Directors upon the proposal of Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

A RECORD DASH

Peacock's feat in Athletic Meeting

New York, March 18. In the annual athletic meeting of the Knights of Columbus, held at the Madison Square Garden, 16,000 spectators saw Eulace Peacock run the 60 yards invitation race, in 6.3/10 sec., which is 1/10 sec. under the world's record.

Glen Cunningham, in the mile race, permitted Archie San Romani to pace him until the final lap, when he sprang into the lead and finished a stride ahead in 4 mins. 8.7/10 sec. This is the second fastest time indoors and the third fastest anywhere. —United Press.

LIVELY LAWN BOWLS MEETING PROPOSAL TO SURVEY GREENS IS TURNED DOWN

THREE DIVISIONS IN THE LEAGUE THIS SUMMER

Approval of having three divisions in the League was given by members at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, held in the board-room of the South China Morning Post Ltd. yesterday.

In proposing the motion, the President, Mr. C. J. Tachell, pointed out the desirability of a shorter season in view of the uncertain weather conditions in Hongkong during the summer, and because the Shanghai Interport team will pay a visit this year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Others present at the meeting included Messrs. R. Basa (Vice-President), C. B. Hosking (Hon. Secretary), G. E. F. Thompson (Hon. Treasurer), J. V. Ramsay, A. W. Grimmit, A. E. S. Riddell, U. M. Omar, B. W. Bradbury, R. P. Phillips, J. Russell, A. Hyde-Lay, L. A. Gutierrez, J. G. Meyer, J. Deakin, J. L. Teley, J. McKelvie, W. K. Way, E. J. Edwards, H. Gittens, A. E. Silkestone, M. J. Henderson, J. Chalmers and Dr. V. N. Atienza.

After the minutes of the last annual general meeting had been confirmed, and the balance sheet and accounts adopted, the following officers were elected:

President—Mr. R. Basa.
Vice-President—Mr. A. Hyde-Lay.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. E. Maughan.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. C. B. Hosking.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Tachell then put the following recommendation from the General Committee to the meeting:

"The three divisions of the league be instituted commencing 1937 season. Each Club to start with not more than one team in any Division. Thereafter promotion and relegation from one division to another to be compulsory."

In doing so, he said that he found that most clubs were in favour of having three divisions. He pointed out that the League would be easier to run and the season would be shorter.

Mr. J. Russell supported the proposal, saying that they not only had to contend with the question of the weather but also with the fact that the number of teams participating in the League was increasing each year. Several new clubs had announced their intention of joining the League this year, and there probably would be more teams next year. By splitting up into three divisions, the League would be more easily handled, and furthermore, he thought an extra division would provide games on Saturday for many players who would otherwise have to be shelved. The resolution to have three divisions was carried unanimously by the meeting.

The question of allocating teams for the three divisions was then discussed. It was pointed out that in the cases of clubs which were entering three teams no difficulty would arise, but where clubs entered only one team some difficulty might be encountered.

LEAGUE ENTRIES

The following entries were received: Kowloon B.G.C., two teams; Police R.C., two teams; Kowloon Dock R.C., two teams; Civil Service C.C., two teams; Kowloon C.C., two teams; Craighower C.C., three teams; Club de Recreo, three teams; Kowloon Tong, one team; Kowloon F.C., one team; Hongkong F.C., three teams; Indian R.C., one team; and Talkoo Dock R.C., one team.

It was also noted that the Yacht Club would very likely put in a team as well.

The new entries are Kowloon Tong and the Kowloon F.C.

The Hongkong Electric R.C., it was stated, would not be participating in the Junior Division this year, as they found it impossible to raise a team.

It was decided that the closing date of entries should be April 3. With regard to the Open Bowls Competitions, Mr. G. H. Sherriff said that in the past there had been five or six matches arranged for the same day on five or six different greens. He would like to propose that these five or six matches be all played on one green. His reason was that on quite a number of occasions there were two or more very interesting matches on the same evening—one in Kowloon and one in Hongkong. It was impossible to watch both, but if they were on the same green one could watch a portion of each match. He suggested that matches be arranged on one green in Hongkong and one in Kowloon alternately. He did not think that would entail more work for the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. V. Ramsay seconded the proposal. Mr. McKelvie pointed out that there were not many clubs which could provide five greens for championship matches.

Mr. Sherriff replied that the Hon. Secretary could write to the various clubs asking how many rinks they could provide for championship matches, and the games could then be arranged accordingly.

The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the incoming Committee.

ESPLIN CUP

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, Captain of the Hongkong team in the Espin Cup match at Wansford last year, was congratulated by the Chairman

Others present at the meeting included

Mr. Bradbury said he found himself placed in a very embarrassing position. Mr. H. Beer was appointed originally as captain of the team, but he found himself full up with work in England and passed the duties on to Mr. Bradbury. It was unfortunate that Mr. Bradbury did not know that he would have to take over the arrangements, or else he would have had several things attended to before he left Hongkong.

There were no spoons to be presented to players on whose greens they were entertained, and the Espin Cup did not arrive in England until two days before the match was played. And then when it did arrive, it got there without the standard clew.

However, he explained to the people concerned about the position of the spoons and on his return to Hongkong he arranged with the Hon. Secretary to have them forwarded to England.

He was of the opinion that better arrangements should be made by the local Association with regard to these matches. After all, they were representing the Association and it did not look well if things were not done properly.

Furthermore, he suggested that the people who were willing to play while on leave should be informed that there was a certain amount of expense to be incurred. He found that when he went round to inform them they had not been warned and seemed rather surprised.

The Association should also find out from those who put their names down as being available for the matches whether they were definitely going to play when called upon. Mr. Bradbury said he was two men short at Wansford and several short at other matches which he had arranged to play.

I.B.B. AFFILIATION

While he was in England Mr. Bradbury met Mr. Cross, President of the English Bowling Association, and it was suggested to him by Mr. Cross that Hongkong should be affiliated to the I.B.B. By doing so, Hongkong would acquire more status. It had also been suggested to him at Wansford that the Espin Cup should in future be decided on the results of three rinks instead of one, as has been the case in past years.

Mr. Bradbury pointed out that his remarks were not in the nature of a complaint, but he wished to inform the Association of the position last year and he thought that a little better organisation was desirable.

Mr. Hosking, referring to the suggestion of affiliation to the International Bowling Board, said an application had been sent by Hongkong. Mr. E. Maughan had the matter in hand in connection with the Far Eastern B.A. The application, he informed the meeting, came up before the January meeting of the I.B.B., but on account of the constitution of that body being amended the application could not be dealt with until the July meeting.

With regard to the Espin Cup match this year, Mr. J. G. Meyer proposed Mr. A. F. Paul as Secretary and Captain of the Hongkong team. Mr. A. E. Silkestone seconded, adding a hope that Mr. Paul would have better luck than he did when he was last Home, when he received no reply to 75 per cent. of the letters which he sent out.

This proposal was passed unanimously.

The meeting approved a donation of \$50 to the Children's Playground Association and that the Aitkenhead Shield dinner be dispensed with but be incorporated with the Interport dinner to the Shanghai team.

Mr. Hosking informed the meeting that there was a possibility in the near future of an Australian Bowling Association team visiting the Colony. Everything was tentative up to the present moment, but he suggested that should such a visit materialise the Association should arrange a programme of matches for them on the same lines as a visit from the Shanghai Interport team. This was agreed to by the meeting.

The meeting also agreed to the suggestion that some arrangement should be made with the Hongkong Travellers Association whereby tourists could be extended the courtesy of greens in the Colony.

SURVEY OF GREENS

The Chairman said he had received the following letter from Mr. H. H. Rose, a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen—I beg to propose that our representative on the Lawn Bowls Council be instructed to make the following resolution at the next meeting.

"That the Lawn Bowls Association engage the services of a qualified surveyor, and that a report on the grade of all greens on which League matches are played be laid before the Council. If in the opinion of the

KOWLOON MARATHON Annual Race To Be Held Next Monday

The sixteenth annual Kowloon Marathon Race under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Club and open to members of the Club and all Europeans of the Colony will be held on Monday, March 20, starting from St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

The course extends over a distance of about 6 1/4 miles, along Nathan Road, Waterloo Road, Prince Edward Road, Tan Kung Road, Bulkeley Street, Chatham Road and back into Nathan Road, finishing outside the Church.

Application for entry, accompanied by the entrance fee, should be sent in by March 20, to the Hon. Mr. J. R. Higgs, St. Andrew's Vicarage, or Mr. F. V. Wong, c/o Messrs. Thomson and Co., York Building.

Council, any green is not reasonably levelled, the club concerned shall level the green to the satisfaction of the Council.

"No League match shall be played on any green that has not been surveyed by the Association."

Mr. Basa: Should a green be condemned by the Council, will the Association pay for the alterations?

Mr. Bradbury: There is no doubt, to my mind, that the object of this attack is the Craighower C.C. I say this because the Kowloon B.G.C. have been agitating about our green for years. I am going to admit that the Craighower green definitely slopes in one direction, but to my mind any bowler should adapt himself to these conditions. At Home we had strong winds blowing on the greens, but any good bowler should be able to adapt himself.

"We have a very good green, and the surface is as good as those of many other clubs in the Colony. Not a single member of the Craighower C.C. would not like to see the green levelled, but we have only one green. If we had two greens like the Kowloon B.G.C., we would be able to do so. Our green is used more often than that of any other club in the Colony. It is not a matter to be easily overcome."

JEALOUSY ALLEGED

"Another point is this, it has been said, and fairly frequently, that the slope of our green contributed a great deal to the success of the Craighower C.C. in the League of the last few years. It is wrong and improper, for this reason. If you look at the history of the C.C.C. green, you will find that we have won more games away than at home. Why don't clubs first beat us on their own green and then talk? I am afraid there is a little bit of jealousy behind all this."

A member of the K.B.G.C.: Mr. Bradbury used the word "they" in his remarks; he should say "he." (Heard Heard)

Mr. J. G. Meyer: I am a very good friend of the Craighower C.C. but it seems to me that the word "jealousy" is not justified. This letter has been written by an individual, and not by a club.

Another member said he attended the Kowloon B.G.C. meeting, but the name of the Craighower C.C. was not mentioned at all.

Mr. Meyer suggested that Mr. Bradbury should withdraw the word "jealousy."

Mr. Bradbury said he did not know that the letter had been written by an individual or else he would not have spoken as he did. In the circumstances he would withdraw the word "jealousy."

MATTER DROPPED

Mr. J. Russell pointed out the costliness of having a surveyor to look over every green in the Colony and said the suggestion seemed to him to be rather ridiculous. On the whole, he thought greens in the Colony were quite good, and it was "possible to get a bad rink at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club too." (Laughter)

Mr. E. J. Edwards proposed that the matter be dropped. Mr. Russell seconded and the proposal was passed unanimously.

Before the meeting terminated, Mr. Russell said that in token of their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. G. E. F. Thompson as Hon. Treasurer of the Association for the last few years, they should present him with a gift. Mr. Thompson, who was shortly going on leave, with some tangible evidence of their thanks.

Mr. Thompson, however, replied that he had derived great pleasure from his work as Hon. Treasurer of the Association, and this was sufficient reward for him. (Applause)

Mr. Labrum: If the Association have a lot of money to spend, I suggest that they make a green for themselves. We should then encourage more visitors to come here. (Laughter)

A vote of thanks to the South China Morning Post Ltd. for the loan of the board-room for the meeting terminated the proceedings.

CONSUL'S RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF VISITING FRENCH ADMIRAL

A distinguished gathering was present last night at the home of the French Consul (M. Leurguin) when he and Mme. Leurguin were hosts at a reception in honour of the Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, Vice-Admiral J. P. Esteve, who is on his last visit to Hongkong prior to relinquishing his command.

There were about 200 guests, including members of the Consul's body, officers of the U.S.S. Mindanao and U.S.S. Sacramento, the French cruiser Lamotte-Piquet, the French cruiser Argus, and landing and the gunboat Argus, and landing French residents. Many British army and navy officers were prevented from attending by the manoeuvres.

Among those present were Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, and Lady Little, Rear-Admiral Talbot, Director of Naval Dockyards, and Mrs. Talbot, Rear-Admiral Sedgwick and Mrs. Sedgwick, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Brigadier and Mrs. Seth-Smith, the Hon. Mr. N. C. North (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. H. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs) and Mrs. North, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Commander and Mrs. G. F. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harris, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Henderson, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Wellington, and the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King.

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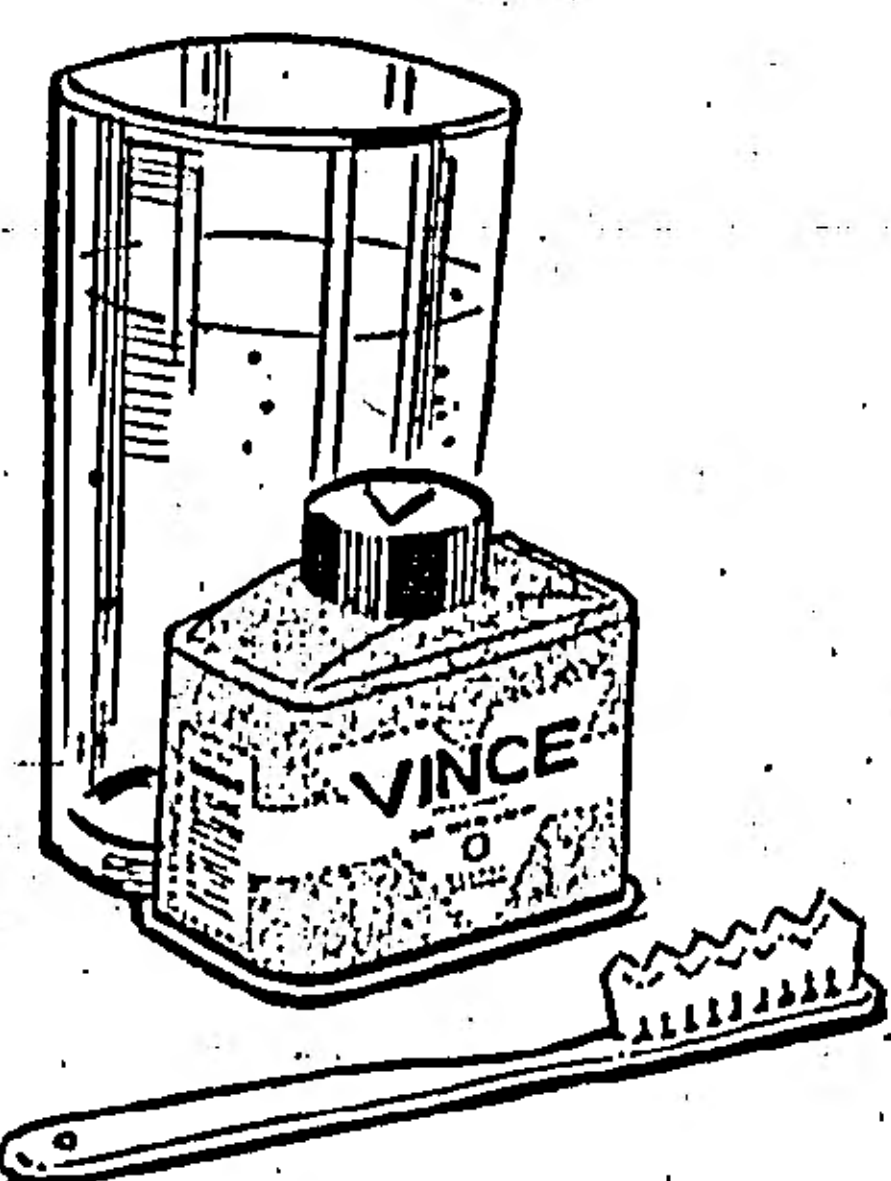
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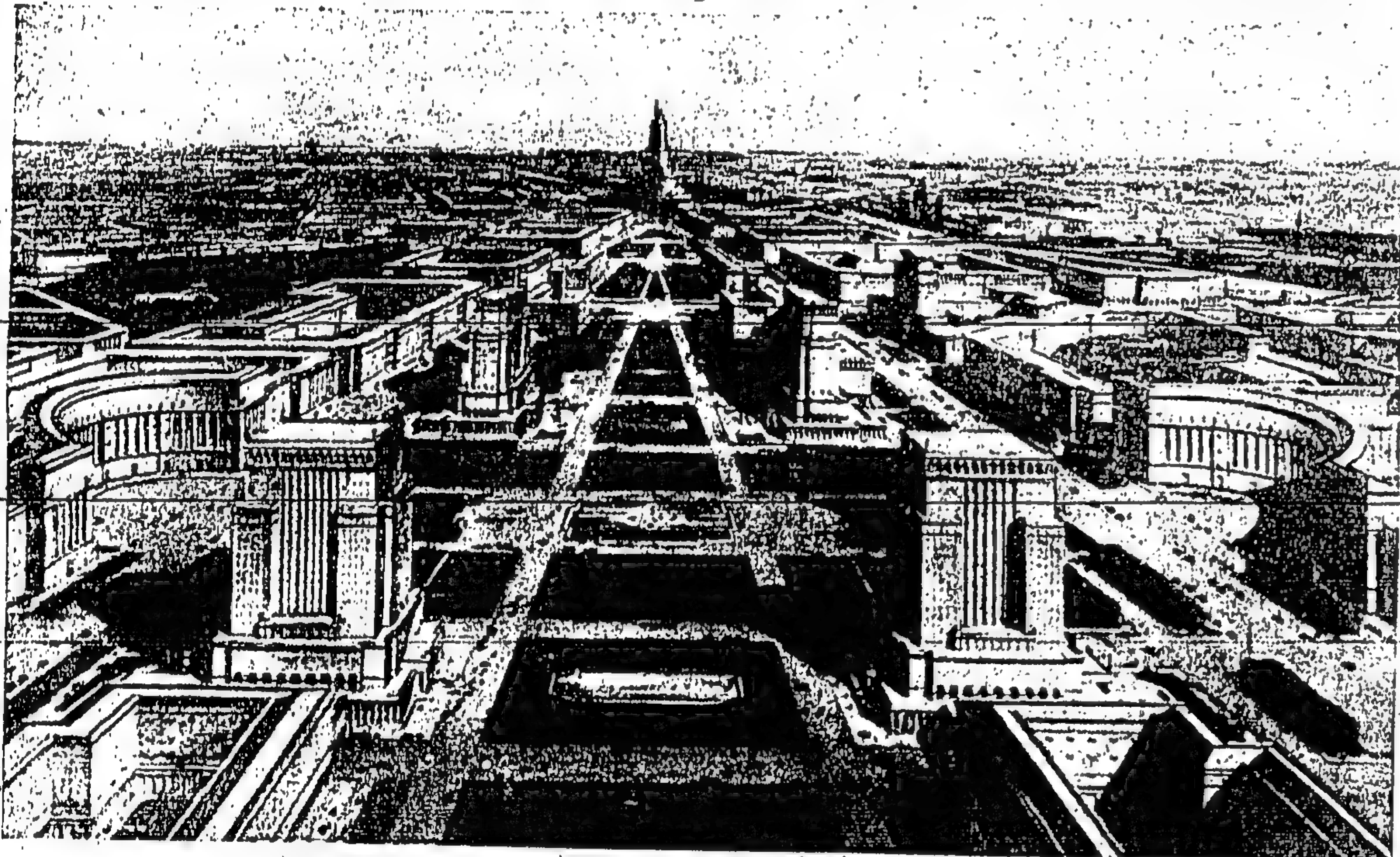
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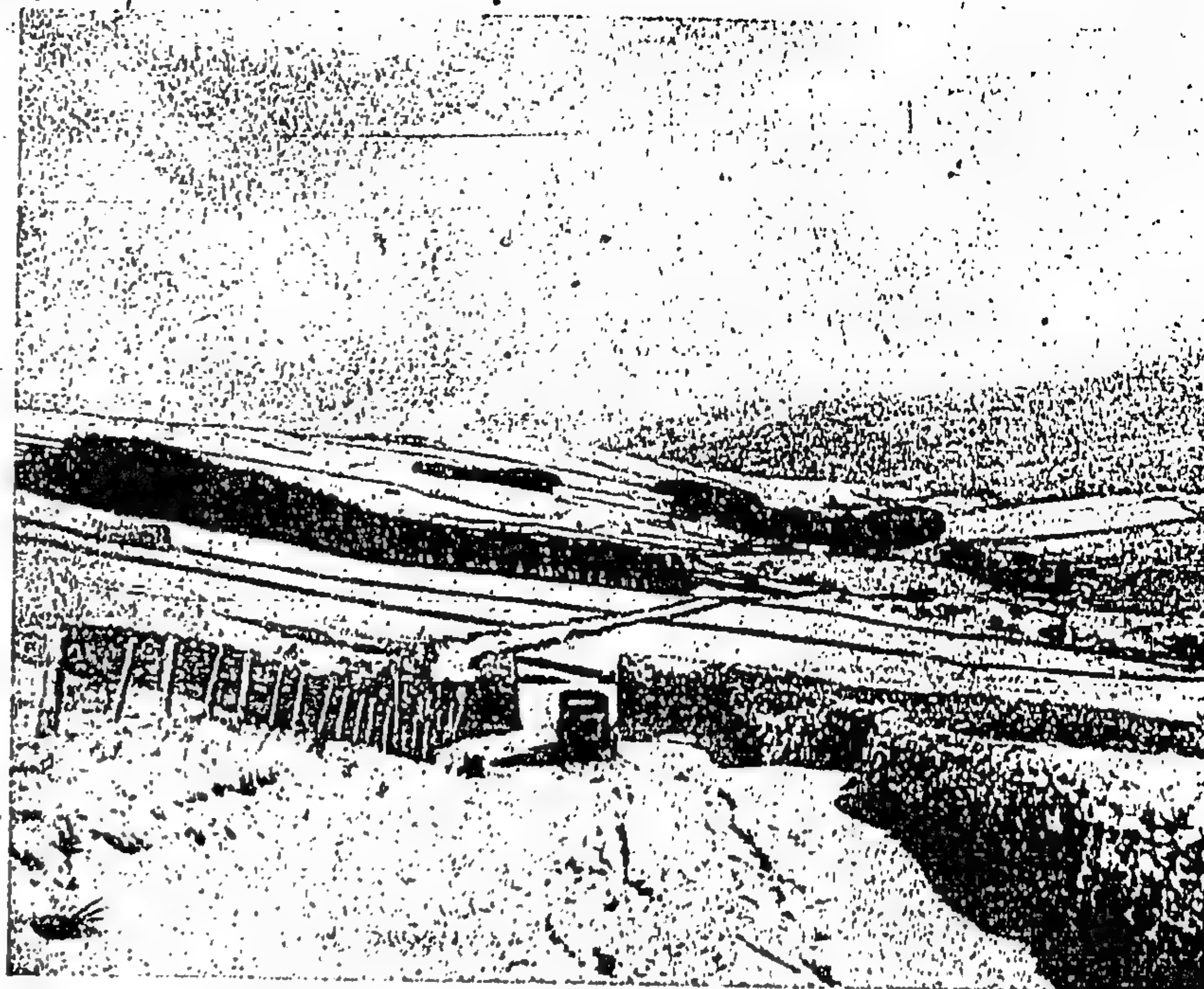
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MOSCOW AS THE SOVIET PLANS TO REBUILD IT.—An architect's drawing of the Palace of the Soviets from the Lenin Hills, showing new buildings, bridges and broad parks which are now under construction as part of the complete rebuilding of the capital of the U.S.S.R.



SNOW IN YORKSHIRE.—A SCENE IN UPPER WHARFEDALE.



In a simple but impressive ceremony on board the U.S.S. Luzzo, Rear-Admiral W. H. Allen, who has been in charge of the United States Yangtze Patrol, relinquished his command to his successor, Rear-Admiral Edward John Marquart. Top picture shows part of the main ceremony in the presence of paraded officers and ratings, while in the lower picture, the retiring Admiral, who had changed into civilian clothes, ready to go ashore, is seen saying good-bye to his successor. Three days after these photos were taken Mrs. Marquart died in Hankow.

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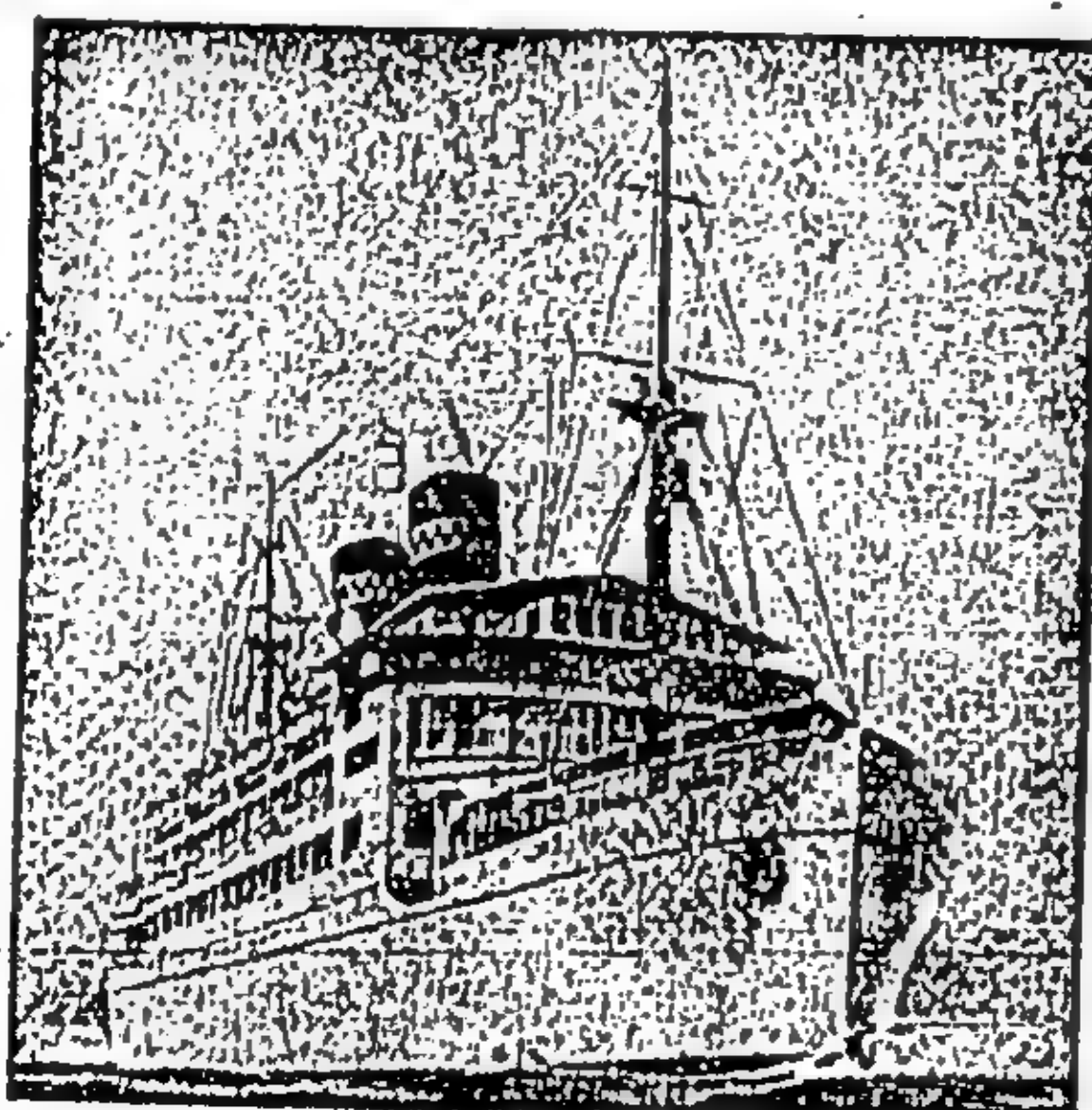
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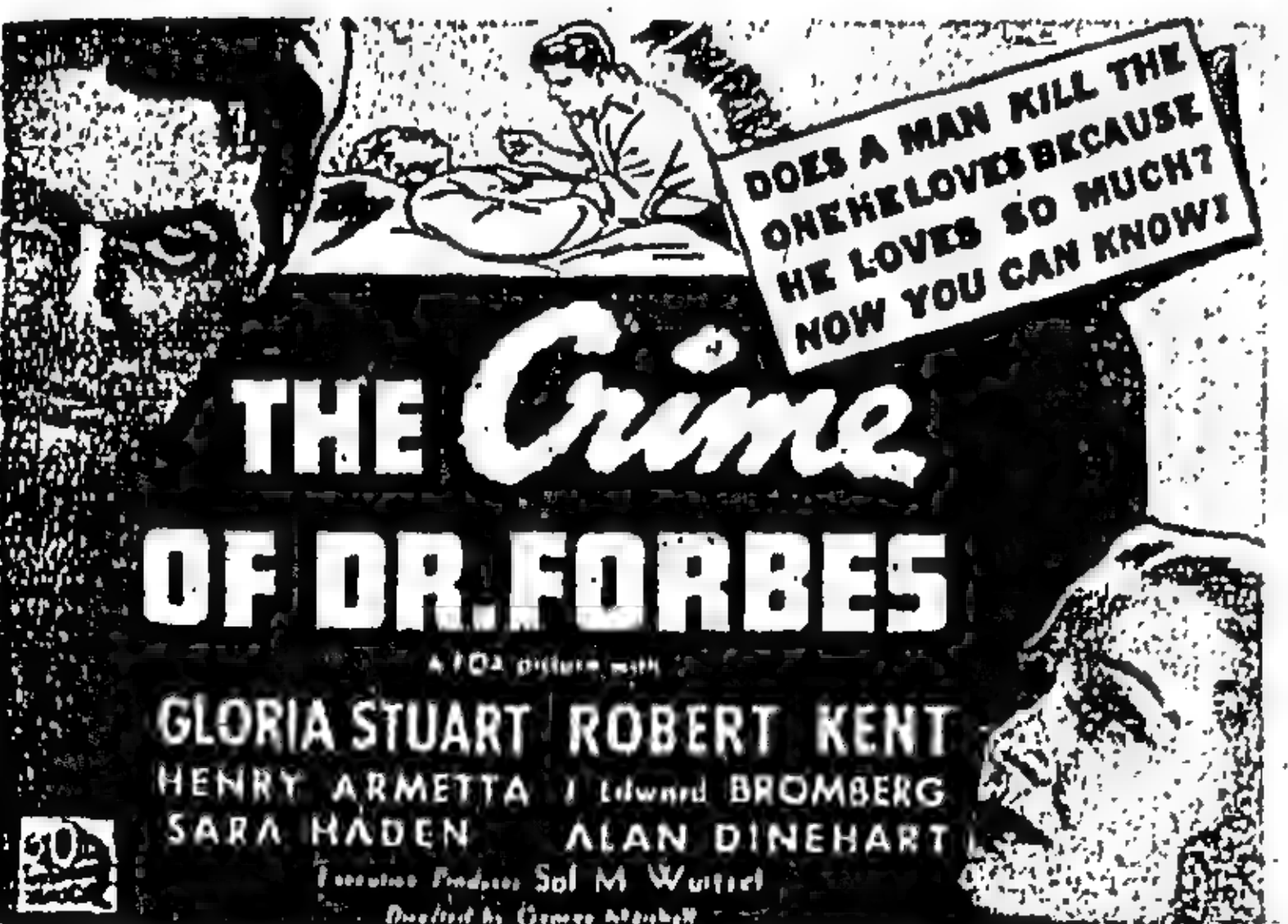
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Common Colds And 'Flu

PROGRESS TOWARDS IMMUNITY

London, Mar. 18.

An inquiry was addressed to the Lord President of the Council in the House of Commons to-day regarding the progress of experiment and research, assisted by the Medical Research Council, into the prevention and cure of the common cold and influenza.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said during the past year there been further confirmation from different parts of the world that the virus originally isolated in 1933 at the National Institute for Medical Research is the infective agent which causes epidemics of influenza, and on this basis measures for preventive action were being devised and substantial progress had been achieved. There was considerable ground for hoping that satisfactory means for producing at least temporary immunity would be evolved.

Mr. MacDonald added that the Council was not at the moment supporting any direct attack upon the common cold, but the problems were closely related and any advance against one disease was likely to assist attacks on the other.—British Wireless.

Student Riots In Egypt

POLICE CALLED TO QUELL MOBS

Cairo, Mar. 18.

Students carrying out a political demonstration clashed with the police this morning in the students' quarter at Giza, resulting in a number of injuries.

The situation called for the despatch to Giza of all the mounted police available from Cairo. Meanwhile, other parties of students have attacked newspaper offices, resulting in some casualties among the police, and students.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Woolworth's Girls Strike

ASK HEIRESS TO INTERVENE

New York, March 18.

Fifty sales girls in one of the Woolworth establishments here are striking, demanding union recognition, a minimum wage of \$20 a week and a 40-hour week. At present, the girls get only from \$10 to \$12 a week.

The girls have asked Miss Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, asking her intervention to secure the increase demanded.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

HALL LEAVING B.B.C. SOON

London, March 18.

Mr. Henry Hall, the leader of the B.B.C. orchestra for the past six years, is leaving the service of the Corporation on September 25. He is taking his orchestra with him and it will be employed on outside work. The band will not be replaced by the B.B.C., but Henry Hall's orchestra will broadcast frequently when outside engagements permit.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

ROYAL VISIT TO AINTREE

London, Mar. 18.

The King and Queen left London to-day in a royal train on a visit to Lord Derby at Knowsley and will be present at Aintree racecourse on Friday to see the Grand National Steeplechase. Some thousands of villagers warmly greeted Their Majesties on their arrival at Huxton station, near Knowsley.—British Wireless.

B.B.C. CHANGE

London, Mar. 18.

The B.B.C. announces that owing to modifications to the plant at the Empire Station at Daventry, Transmission 2 will from March 22 start at 12.25 instead of at 11.00 G.M.T. as normally. The full service will be restored at the earliest possible moment, probably towards the end of April.—British Wireless.

CAR STOLEN

Miss Brumcombe, of 25 Kennedy Road, has reported the loss of her car, No. 3087. The car was parked in Fiddler Street at 5.30 p.m. and disappeared some time between then and 7.30 p.m.

EASTER RECESS

London, Mar. 18.

The House of Commons will adjourn for the Easter recess next Thursday, resuming on April 6.—British Wireless.

MINING EXPERTS ARRIVE

TO DEVELOP COLONY PROPERTY

NIELSON & CO. EXPANDING

It is expected that a new record for the Orient will be made in the time required for mill construction at the Lin Ma Hang property of Hongkong Mines, Ltd. The work will commence at once under the supervision of Mr. L. R. Nielson, (President of L. R. Nielson and Co., and of Nielson and Co., Inc.) and Mr. George T. Scholey (chief engineer for the Nielson interests), who arrived in Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on Wednesday.

With Mr. Nielson and Mr. Scholey was Mr. Fowler, who will remain in Hongkong and be in charge of the mining and milling developments at Hongkong Mines. Mr. Nielson reported, on his arrival, that his Company recently signed a contract to manage the property of the Camp 4.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Variety will be the keynote of the illustrations appearing in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement.

There will be some interesting pictures of Sunday's meet of the Fanning Hunt, and several taken at the La Salle College and Central British School sports.

Photographs taken at the Welch Fusiliers' St. David's Day dance and at the farewell party given by the Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Association will be given, as well as a group of the Defence Corps.

There will also be some interesting pictures of the St. Francis Home for Street Sleepers.

Mining Company, located in the vicinity of Baguio.

Also arriving on the Empress of Canada was Mr. W. W. Harris, President of the Poracale Gumau Mining Co., a property which is managed by Nielson and Co., Inc. Mr. Harris stated that, with only 60 feet to go and progress being made at the rate of more than eight feet per day, the Waterfall vein should be cut by March 25. Mr. Harris will continue from Hongkong on the Empress of Canada to the United States and from there he will go to Europe and thence back to Manila.

FENLAND REMAINS ANXIOUS

London, Mar. 18.

The position in the Fenland districts remains anxious, although no further serious breaches in the swollen rivers have occurred.

The level of the River Ouse has not dropped at all. The scene of alarms shifted to-day to the Prickwillow district, where 150 tons of clay have already been used to support the banks of the Little Ouse River.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

CORRESPONDENCE Stamp Request

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

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Milan	92 1/2	92 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.30 1/2	19.30 1/2
Oslo	19.30	19.30
Shanghai	1/2.17/32	1/2.17/32
New York	4.88 1/2	4.88 1/2
Amsterdam	8.93 1/2	8.93 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague	140 1/4	140 1/4
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2.11	1/2.11
Bombay	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Montreal	4.88 1/2	4.88 1/2
Brussels	29.01	29.01
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	213	213
Monte Video	39 1/2	39 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Buenos Aires	68 1/2	68 1/2
Silver forward 2014	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
War Loan	102 1/2	102 1/2

—British Wireless.

Higher Metal Prices

NOT CAUSED BY RE-ARMAMENT

London, Mar. 18.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked in the House of Commons whether he was aware that owing to the demands of the armament programme and the manipulations of speculators, prices of iron, steel and non-ferrous metals were still rising. Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position was being carefully watched, but that the questioner attached an exaggerated importance to the demands of the armaments programme of the Government. These were only part of the total British demand, and that, in turn, was a small fraction of the world demand. The fundamental cause of the rise in price of these commodities was neither armaments nor speculation, but rapid progress towards economic recovery over a large part of the world.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET LOWER YESTERDAY

New York, Mar. 18.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets:—The market to-day was plunged into the sharpest reaction of the season. Bullishness was diminished. Automobile production has declined. The Government has warned against a too rapid boom. Labour difficulties and the French situation are worrying the market, but earnings continue good. Car-loadings are reported to be improving. The labour agreements with United States Steel are heartening the steel trade. Curb stocks and bonds are lower, but United States issues are firm.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning Comment:—The technical position of the market discourages activities and speculative participation. Chartists are of the opinion that rail, industrial and utility averages must soon get closer. Brokers report many enquiries for bank stocks. There has been some long-pull buying of Colgate-Palmolive. It is gossiped that there has been some Swiss buying of United States utilities.

S. C. & F. New York office cables:—The market continues soft, reflecting the nervousness of traders. No important liquidation is apparent and we would buy selected stocks on any further weakness, favouring oils, rails, rubbers and metals. For a quick speculative play, we suggest utilities, which appear to be oversold for the time being.

Comments:—The failure of the labour situation to show any improvement and the apparent uneasiness in Washington over the inflationary price tendency, together with profit-taking caused a reaction. The orderly nature of the market, however, apparently disproves the theory that there is any dangerous volume of under-lying stop-loss selling at near the market price.

Wheat:—The increasing export of Canadian wheat and the expected decline in exportable wheat from other countries, except India, together with the anticipated close adjustment of supply and demand, increases the importance of new-crop progress here, which is satisfactory. At present there are indications of the switching of short hedges from Winnipeg to Chicago. England was a buyer of Argentine wheat to-day.

Corn:—Small offerings continue, but the possibility of the release of Canadian free-bound stocks about April 15 is gaining more attention. Rubber:—The market is nervous, but the tendency is upward, with the possibility of sharp technical adjustments. Malayan shipments for the first half of March are estimated at 25,250 tons. It is estimated that shipments for the full month will amount to 51,000 tons.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

	Mar. 17	Mar. 18
30 Industrials	188.50	184.73
20 Rails	64.40	62.44
20 Utilities	32.97	32.84
40 Bonds	102.38	101.88
11 Commodity Index	79.88	79.69

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 25, 1916.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.5/16d.

The Bandmann Opera and Comedy Company opened a season at the Theatre Royal with such plays as "Grumpy," "The Man Who Stayed at Home," "Polish and Perimeter" and "The Only Girl."

Inspector W. Withers retired from the Hongkong Police Force after 29 years' service.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League, Dr. C. Forsyth was elected as President, Mr. H. A. Nisbet as Vice-President and Dr. Lindsay Wood as Hon. Secretary.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., reported gross profits for the past year totalling \$697,709. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared.

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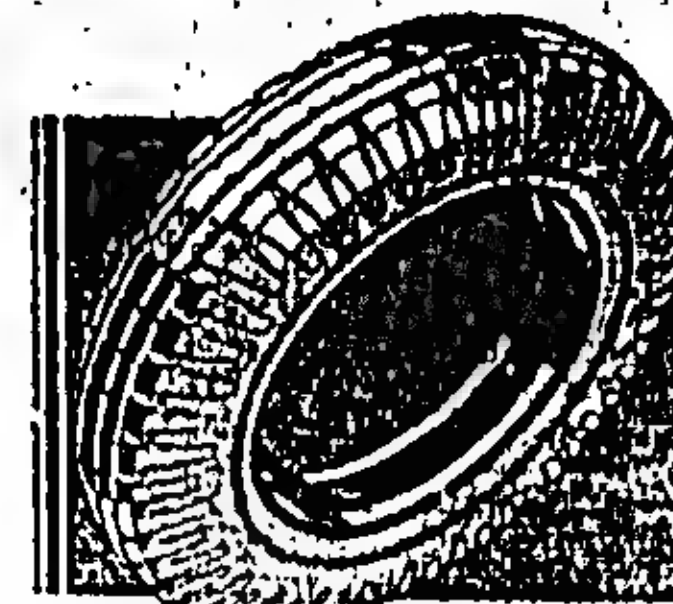
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TEXAS SCHOOL DEATH ROLL 670

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Parents Frenziedly
Search Wreckage

BOILER BLAST BELIEVED CAUSE OF DISASTER

TYLER, TEXAS, MAR. 18.
THE BIGGEST SCHOOL OF THIS COUNTY, WHICH IS LOCATED AT NEW LONDON, 15 MILES FROM TYLER, IS A HEAP OF SMOULDERING RUIN AND 670 PUPILS AND TEACHERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN AN EXPLOSION AND FIRE WHICH DEMOLISHED HALF THE BIG BUILDING. THE PRINCIPAL, WHO ESCAPED INJURY, ESTIMATES THAT 300 BODIES HAVE HITHERTO BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING.

The Governor of Texas has ordered the National Guard to take charge of the situation, and martial law has been proclaimed in the vicinity of New London.

Doubts are now expressed whether the disaster was due to a boiler explosion. Some suggest it was caused by escaping gas from a pipeline to a near-by oil field.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER REPORTS

Tyler (Texas), Mar. 18.
Between three and four hundred children are estimated to have been killed by a boiler explosion which destroyed part of a school building situated about fifteen miles from here.

This estimate was given by the school superintendent in a telephone message from the scene of the disaster.

Employees of an oil company near the spot state that "children are dying all around us." Fire-fighters with equipment, as well as doctors and nurses, are racing to the scene. The total number of children in the school at the time of the disaster is believed to have been about 1,500.

The explosion tore out the end of the school auditorium which was crowded with several hundred children of oil workers in the East Texas oilfield.

The bodies of 135 children and ten teachers were recovered two hours after the explosion occurred.

The hall of the school apparently collapsed when the explosion happened, crushing most of the children, a few of whom appear to have been burned.

So violent was the explosion that bricks from the building were thrown a quarter of a mile from the scene of the disaster.

The explosion is attributed to an accumulation of gas in the boiler-room.—*Reuter.*

Over 600 Dead

The oil company plant at Houston has been informed from East Texas that of 750 pupils and teachers in the building at the time of the explosion only 100 are alive.

Hundreds of bodies are laid out in rows in the school grounds. There are heart-rending scenes as frenzied parents are frantically searching for their children.

The school was divided into two buildings, one a high school, the other containing lower grades. The high school was almost entirely destroyed, as the walls were pushed out by the blast and the roof of the two-story structure collapsed.

The other building, from which the smaller children had only just been removed, was also destroyed.

ROMANCE "HOAX" SCENTED

HEIRESS IS NO
"SOB SISTER"

A "titled" Englishman from Hongkong is the central figure in a sensational story published in the *Malaya Tribune* yesterday afternoon, according to United Press messages from Singapore.

Inspired by Zoya Parrish, an American woman journalist, the *Malaya Tribune* yesterday afternoon, according to United Press messages from Singapore, well-known San Francisco heiress, was marrying the "titled" Englishman.

Miss Burns-Dunphy and Zoya Parrish are fellow-passengers aboard the round-the-world cruise yacht *Stella Polaris*, which arrived in Singapore yesterday.

The name of Hongkong's "titled" Englishman was not disclosed by Zoya Parrish, but he was understood to be arriving in Singapore this week to marry Miss Burns-Dunphy.

Interviewed regarding the *Malaya Tribune* story, Miss Burns-Dunphy made a laughing denial.

"I haven't met the titled Englishman from Hongkong yet," she said. "According to United Press Zoya Parrish is a 'sob-sister' writer for a five-star weekly magazine-news-paper in New Zealand."

"It transpires that she has been indulging in a hoax," slates the latest message.

Miss Burns-Dunphy is the elder daughter of Mr. Charles Dunphy, millionaire American mining engineer, who has been prominently identified with mining in California since 1897.

Independence Rushed

Washington, Mar. 18.
President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines has suggested that the date of independence be advanced to 1938 or 1939.—*United Press.*

AGREE-ON-PROPOSAL
Washington, Mar. 18.
President Manuel Quezon and United States officials have agreed to the terms of the proposal to advance the date of the complete independence of the islands from 1946 to 1938 or 1939.

A committee of experts will be appointed to work out the details of the revision of the independence programme enacted in 1934.—*Reuter.*

SWORD OF ISLAM FOR MUSSOLINI

Tripoli, Mar. 18.
The sword of Islam—a magnificent present from native chiefs to Signor Mussolini—was accepted by Il Duce in a ringing speech at an impressive ceremony on the market square here to-day. The sword has a gold hilt, beautifully chased, and is said to have cost \$2,000.

Signor Mussolini, in expressing thanks for the gift, referred to "this symbol of strength and justice," and declared: "I shall take this sword to Rome and keep it as one of the dearest memories of my life."

Il Duce proceeded to dwell on the loyal assistance of the Tripoli and Libyan Moslems during the Abyssinian war and promised to legislate in their interest from Rome.—*Reuter.*

Woolworth's Girls Strike

ASK HEIRESS TO
INTERVENE

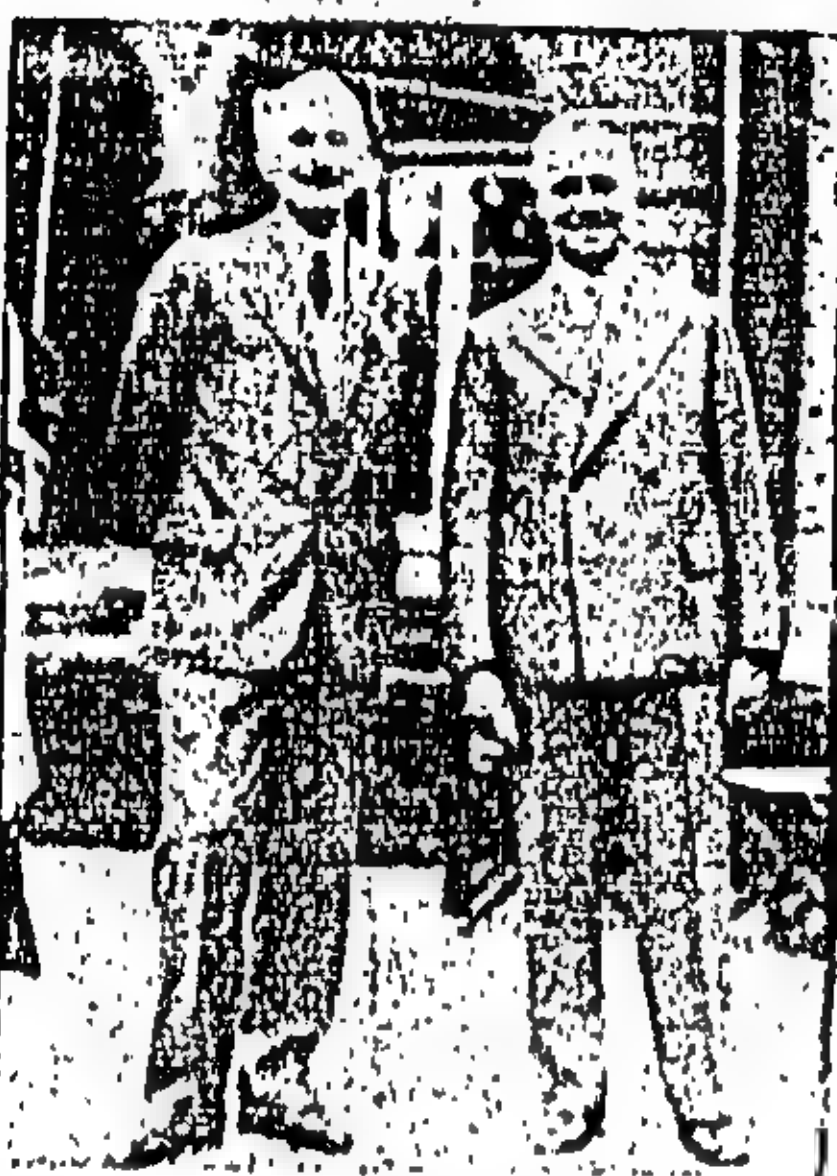
New York, March 18.
Fifty sales girls in one of the Woolworth establishments here are striking demanding union recognition, a minimum wage of \$20 a week and a 40-hour week. At present, the girls get only from \$10 to \$12 a week.

The girls have called Miss Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, asking her intervention to secure the increase demanded.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

FLIGHT POSTPONED
Honolulu, Mar. 18.
Miss Earhart has postponed the second stage of her flight around the world, awaiting better weather.—*Reuter.*

The intervener would then have to determine whether he wished to proceed.—*United Press.*

AMBASSADOR IS WELCOMED



Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen (left) is being warmly welcomed on his visit to Canton. In the above photograph, he is with Sir John Byrnes, until recently British Consul-General at Shanghai.

HALL LEAVING B.B.C. SOON

London, March 18.
Mr. Henry Hall, the leader of the B.B.C. orchestra for the past six years, is leaving the service of the Corporation on September 25. He is taking his orchestra with him and will be employed on outside work.

The band will not be replaced by the B.B.C., but Henry Hall's orchestra will broadcast frequently when outside engagements permit.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

Britain's Ambassador Is Welcomed

PAPERS STRESS
PROSPECTS OF
CO-OPERATION

(Special to "Telegraph")

Canton, Mar. 18.
Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, K.C.M.G., British Ambassador to China, made a formal call on General Yu Han-mow, Mr. Huang Mu-sung and Mr. Tseng Yang-tu this morning.

Extending a warm welcome to the Ambassador and party, practically all the local Chinese newspapers are devoting large space to editorial comments on Anglo-Chinese relations, voicing the hope that the visit of the Ambassador will further cement the friendship between the two nations.

The newspapers make special reference to the development of Huainan Island, declaring that the project affords great opportunities for Anglo-Chinese co-operation in South China, but they stress the point that such co-operation must be on a basis of equality and reciprocity.

The need of this co-operation is pointed out, in view of Hongkong's strategic importance to the British Empire, as indicated by its increased fortification and the manoeuvres at present taking place.

Finally, the newspapers pay a tribute to the efforts of Britain to promote world peace, and hope that the Ambassador will, in the same spirit, help to establish further harmonious relations between Britain and China in the South.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN ARMY BEATEN BACK BY LOYALISTS

Much Booty And Many Prisoners Taken

Madrid, Mar. 19.
The Government forces claim to have recaptured Brighueza during operations last evening, where the Italian, General Bergonzoli, commanding the mechanised Fascist divisions, is reported to have had his headquarters.

The Loyalists state they first captured five villages surrounding Brighueza, taking much booty and many prisoners. They practically destroyed Brighueza with artillery fire.

By the end of the afternoon the insurgent batteries were silenced and Brighueza was aflame. It was then that three columns of Madrid's militiamen closed in from different directions and took possession of what was left of the town.

All the surrounding heights are also in Government hands, it is claimed.—*Reuter.*

DRAINING CHINA OF COPPERS

COINS WORTH MORE
AS SCRAP

MILLIONS POUR INTO HONGKONG

Hongkong has become the centre for a 1937 version of Aladdin's Lamp. But the lawbreakers who pass through the streets crying their wares are not offering new lamps for old. They are offering new Hongkong paper and silver money for old copper money.

Hongkong coins are the bait. For Chinese dragon coins, usually worth less than three for a cent, Hongkong money, the demand has become so great that hawkers and speculators are offering \$1 Hongkong for 150 or 160.

To the call "Broken copper! Broken iron!" by which the Hongkong scrap and junk man has been wont to loudly proclaim his presence, has been added the new variation: "I'll buy all your dragon cents!"

Scrap metals, particularly copper, have become so valuable that dragon coins are worth more in the Japanese scrap market than they are as currency in China.

Millions of these coins are being sent from Canton, Macao, Kwangchow and other places into Hongkong, where they are being melted and the task of (Continued on Page 7.)

Outstanding Claims

London, Mar. 19.
Outstanding claims are made by the Spanish belligerents to-day. Madrid reports that General Maja has captured Almadén, a strategic centre on the Guadalupe front, and neighbouring villages. This means the defenders have won the first round in the struggle for positions against the big Italian force reported to be concentrated around Brighueza. The Government say this town is now completely dominated.

By Salamanca, the insurgents have issued a communique to the effect that their forces are nearing the important railway town of Pozoblanco.

However, after visiting the Guadalupe front with two other generals, General Francisco Franco, commander-in-chief, decided to postpone his big offensive until the weather improves.—*Reuter Special.*

Stronghold Destroyed

Madrid, Mar. 18.
There was a violent explosion this morning when Government mines blew up part of the Clinico Hospital, the insurgent fortress in the University City. Parapets, machine-gun nests and trench mortars flew into the air. Government artillery completed the destruction of the place, it is alleged, and prevented insurgent reinforcements reaching the position from Casa de Campo.

Meanwhile, Government sharpshooters hunted down the fleeing survivors of the Clinico explosion.—*Reuter.*

Italians Lose Heavily

Madrid, Mar. 19.
Loyalists claim to have surrounded Brighueza and to have captured more than 200 Italians. It is estimated that 700 Italians have been killed and wounded in the action against Brighueza.

Three planes have been downed, with German crews aboard.—*United Press.*

(Continued on Page 7.)

Landing Party Spikes Gun At Lyeemun Fort

Navy Penetrates H.K. Outer Defence Line

INNISKILLINGS LAND AND FIGHT AT CASTLE PEAK

By a "Telegraph" Staff Correspondent
With the Blueclad Forces.
By RADIO

Aboard, H.M.S. Berwick, 8.30 a.m.

Our attack on Redland (Hongkong) is becoming more vigorous. Last night our destroyers Dainty, Defender and Decoy made one concentrated and three individual attacks on Lyeemun Forts, at the entrance to Hongkong harbour.

Aided by a heavy mist, which almost completely blanketed the searchlights at the fort, our three destroyers daringly crept up to within a few yards of the defender's positions.

Again utilising our whalers we sent ashore several landing parties, one of which succeeded in penetrating into the fort, where eight prisoners were captured and taken off.

In addition to capturing the prisoners our landing party successfully spiked a 4.7 gun and put three searchlights out of action.

As we were returning to our ship a darkened Redland trawler almost collided in the heavy fog with one of the destroyers. Before the trawler could make its escape our guns were trained on it and it was blown out of existence.

The forts opened a heavy bombardment on our ships as soon as the alarm was raised, but aided by the heavy mist we made our escape, keeping up a running fire on the forts at 2,000 yards range.

The destroyers left their base for the expedition just after dusk, a heavy swell on the port side making life aboard most uncomfortable. Awaiting a favourable opportunity we endeavoured to slip into the harbour past the remaining Lyeemun searchlights on the tail of a merchant ship, which had already been ex-

Defenders Warned

But the defence was on the alert and the trawler *Barnet* raised the alarm. Before we sank her she sent up rockets warning the forts of our presence.

We sent Defender ahead to draw the attention of the forts and also to lay a white smoke barrage across the searchlights, thus obscuring their (Continued on Page 7.)

CHARGE SCHOOL BUILT AS FIRE-TRAP TO DISCREDIT GOVERNMENT

Moscow, Mar. 18.
A charge of counter-revolutionary wrecking activity, by constructing a kindergarten school in such a way as to facilitate an outbreak of fire, as a consequence of which a large number of children were incinerated, is being heard at another big sabotage trial at Novosibirsk.

The seven accused include M. Kuramzhin, Chairman of the Building Trust; M. Khomich, Director of a Savings Bank; M. Kharitonov, a contractor; and a passer-by who failed to report the fire after noticing the outbreak.

The prosecution alleged that Kuramzhin was ordered by a Trotskyite organisation to build the school so as to make it a death-trap for fire. There were no exits from the dormitories, and the stoves were fixed closed to thin wooden walls. The fire broke out at night, and the matron fled when she discovered it, without arousing the children. A night watchman is said to have done the same.

The prosecution contends that the motive of the accused people was to discredit the Government's and the Communist Party's educational work.—*Reuter Special.*

There is Less Work & More Fun in spring cleaning these days...

FUSS and frenzy of spring cleaning isn't what it was in the Good Old Days, when you couldn't see the roses on the wall-paper for reprints and family trophies.

Still, there is the fun of seeing how little effort you need exert to track down what dirt there lurks, and even more in rearranging the furniture.

Heavy washing of curtains, blankets, bed-spreads, sheets has become as easy as going to the pictures; in fact, that is just about what you can do while it is going on. You simply feed the things into an urn of hot, soapy water and turn a switch. A metal arm pumps away the dirt, an electrically driven wringer does the rest.

Domestic size electric washers like this can be paid for over two years by instalments and cost about two cents an hour to run.

OTHER humbler gadgets we might gloss over before getting down to more serious matters are: carpet shampoos, a new stove cleaner, wallpaper rubber, and electric dust eaters.

Carpet shampoos are not taking to henna or any exotic shampoo; there is one outfit being sold now that has just the right sort of brush packed ready with the shampoo to encourage you.

The stove cleaner is sensitive, too, with a triangular end of corrugated rubber that works into crevices, and a shield up near the handle so that your hands don't get dirty.

Wallpaper cleaner works like indiarubber; you carve off a slice and it rubs off the dirt.

Electrically driven dust consumers for cleaning chair covers, curtains, and so down... are another known but not sufficiently used help.

NOW—the turn-out. In every home there are

bored. Not the articulate kind; pieces of furniture, ornaments, pictures that have "out-worn" your interest and which are housed merely from habit.

ABC of Spring Cleaning

OUTSIDE repairs should be seen to first—roof, gutters, windows.

PAINTWORK is best treated with a solution of borax and water.

QUICKNESS in getting things done is assured if you work to a plan. You'll take twice as long and feel twice as tired if you work haphazardly.

REMOVE grease stains from wallpaper by holding blotting paper over them and pressing with a hot iron.

SUNSHINE is the world's greatest purifier. Try to do most of your cleaning on sunny days.

TRY to burn as much rubbish as you can before it goes away with the dustmen.

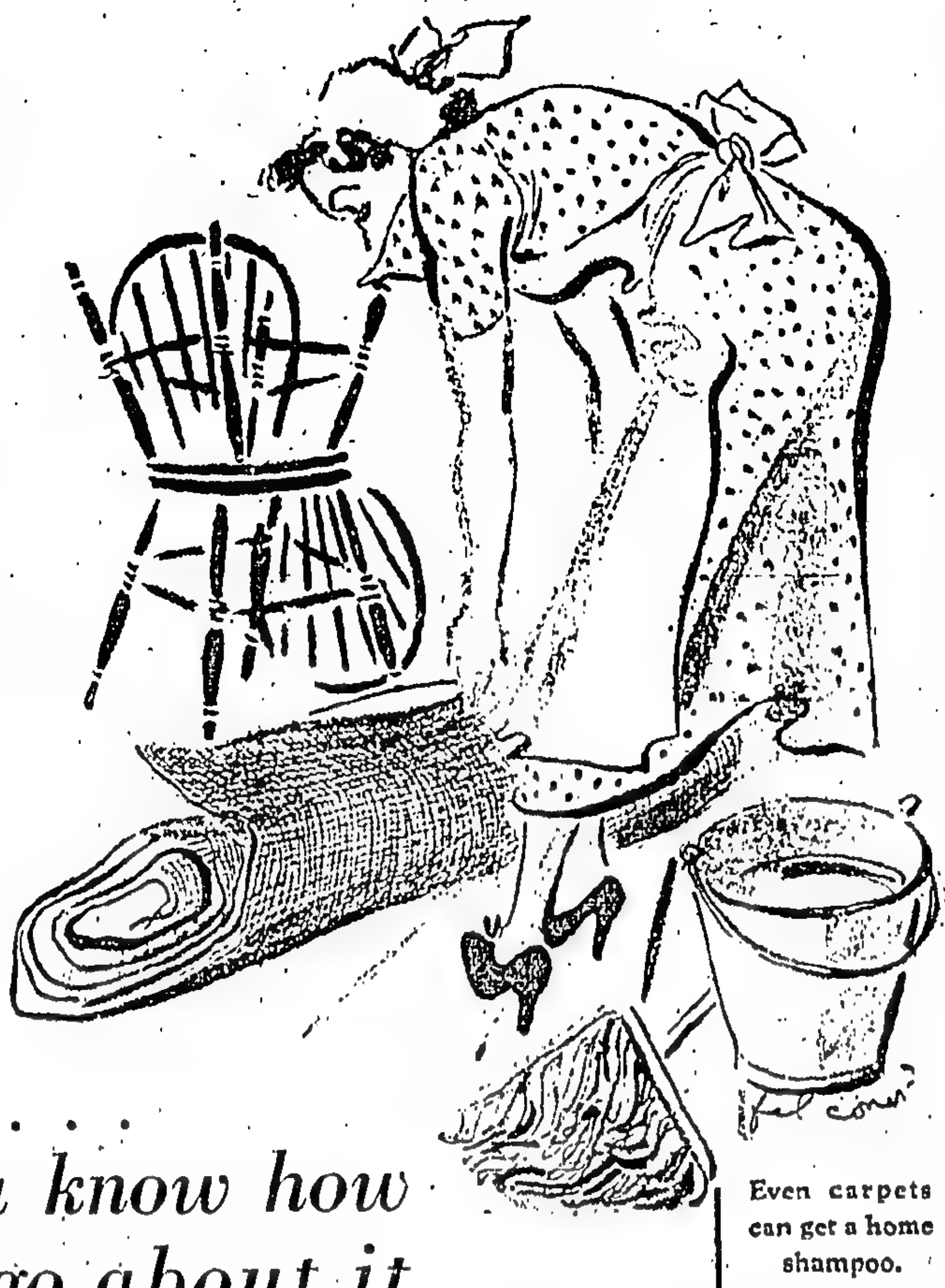
UNLESS you want a quarrel during your spring-cleaning, leave your husband to tidy up his own equipment.

VINEGAR will remove stains from white wood.

WHEN the carpets are up take the opportunity to see that the electric gas and water fittings are in order.

XEROPIAGY is the habit of living on a meagre diet. But don't make spring-cleaning an excuse for serving up unattractive meals.

ZEST for the work of overhauling the home is helped if you know you look well. Don't neglect your appearance. Wear an attractive apron and keep your hair tidy.



IF...
you know how
to go about it

Even carpets
can get a home
shampoo.

THREE TIPS

1. You can clean chintz covers on chairs and settees without removing the covers. Warm some bran in the oven. Take a piece of soft flannel and dip in the bran, going all over the chintz with this.

2. To prevent doors from squeaking, get an ordinary lead pencil and pencil all over the hinges.

3. If you have trouble with mice in the pantry, newspapers soaked in creosote and rammed into every mousehole will send them away.

Perhaps you keep them because you don't know how to get rid of them? Well, I've just the service-with-a-smile.

There is a London store that specialises in relieving clients of white elephants of all dumb shapes. You can either harden your heart and sell the lot outright or do a little swapping or part-purchasing.

What happens is that a plain clothes assistant calls, sees, goes back

and writes you an offer, which you can accept (or not) in cash or kind. If you find sentiment getting uppermost surely you know that great-uncle Ethelred would rather you had a book-case that you use than a stuffed fish that you keep in the attic.

HAVING disposed of all the things that dishearten your home, you can get down to the rearranging.

These are points worth remembering: a narrow room looks bigger if the ceiling is "brought down" by being painted glossy instead of "flat" surfaced. Small rooms look bigger if the floors are close covered (without any surrounds) in one plain colour.

In choosing a paint colour from sample papers, go for one a little lighter rather than deeper than you really want: a colour which looks just right in a small place comes out much brighter over a whole wall.

If one or two walls than the rest of the room, paint or distemper them a little lighter than the others; the effect will not be odd, but will give the illusion of a more uniformly light room.

SADNESS in most modern rooms results from too much matching. We have revolted from the old-fashioned monotony of a pair of everything and one each side of the mantelpiece, but our present fear of colour is almost as depressing.

Provided walls are not aggressively coloured and keep their place in the background, there is no reason for believing that every chair and cur-

SCOURING Made Easy

MAKE some of this paste and keep it by you in the scullery in old jam jars.

½ lb. each of whitening, soft soap and silver sand. Heat in a pan with 1 pint water till it becomes a firm paste.

You will find it useful when scrubbing wooden tables, draining boards, etc., and for the simple scouring of pots and pans.

tain must be of the same stuff, in the same colour.

And in stuffs there are some purse-snatching bargains. For curtains a rough, coarse cotton called Lancaster cloth, looking more like wool, woven with ridges of rust and faint blue.

Fritted and frivolous coloured muslins for lighter curtains in sweet blues or cloud pinks, 36 ins. wide—down to white muslins scratched with frail lines of blue silk.

IDEA for a change of bed is to buy a couple of the new light quilts. Unlike the dimpled things we call elderdowns, these are comparatively thin and quilted in a uniform pattern, mostly in ripples straight across the width. Use one to pad the back of your bed post, the other to keep you warm.

And now, perhaps, it is time to stop talking and do something.

Zoe Farmar

BEAUTY In Five Minutes

By FRANCES DAY.

HAVE you ever had a "quickie." It's America's latest beauty craze and is now gaining popularity in the West End. It is a complete five-minute facial—just the thing when you're in a hurry and haven't time for a full treatment.

FIRST cleanse the face and neck with a good cold cream, remove, and apply a strong medicated cream. This stimulates the circulation and has the same effect as a good massage.

Over the medicated cream a soft cocoa butter cream is worked in, softening and feeding the skin and taking away the sting of the first cream.

ON the top of these two put in some calomine lotion. This has a refining and tonic effect on the pores.

Leave on for five minutes then remove with soft tissues and your face will be soft and sparkling.

A witch-hazel cream can be used instead of the medicated cream for this treatment.

3 Questions for Wives

1. Suggest alternative menus for breakfast on a day when you have to make an early start.

2. How would you set about taking a stain out of a dress when you do not know what the stain is?

3. Give a recipe for quickly made cakes.

ANSWERS:

1. Stewed prunes; cereals; hot or cold milk; boiled eggs; toast; scones, honey, marmalade; or fresh fruit; porridge; sliced breakfast sausage; rolls, toast, quince jelly.

2. Anonymous stains should first be treated with hot or cold water. Sometimes the simplest method succeeds. If the stain is on white linen or cotton you may use a bleach, either lemon juice or peroxide of hydrogen. If you do not wish to damp the garment try a powdering of French chalk. Rub on, if possible leave on for some hours. You will brush most minor stains off with the chalk.

3. Allow the weight of two eggs in butter, sugar, and self-raising flour and two teaspoonsful of ground rice. Beat the eggs, cream butter and sugar, and add the flour, then mix gradually with the rest, beating all the time. The consistency should be that of thin batter; if not moist enough add a little milk. Put in little tins or papers and bake in a hot oven for fifteen minutes. These cakes may be flavoured with seeds, coconut, lemon rind, currants, or sultanas, and are very delicious plain.

Tit-Bits

NEW "saddle-stitching" enables seams to be made. They are marked outside, like stitching on handsewn gloves.

CHOOSE prints for spring blouses, now that Paris has gone all out to give us such gay ones. All covered with writing and little pictures.

LOOK out for harlequin checks patterned in many colours. The material of the blouse is often introduced, too, on revers and pockets of the suit with which it is worn.

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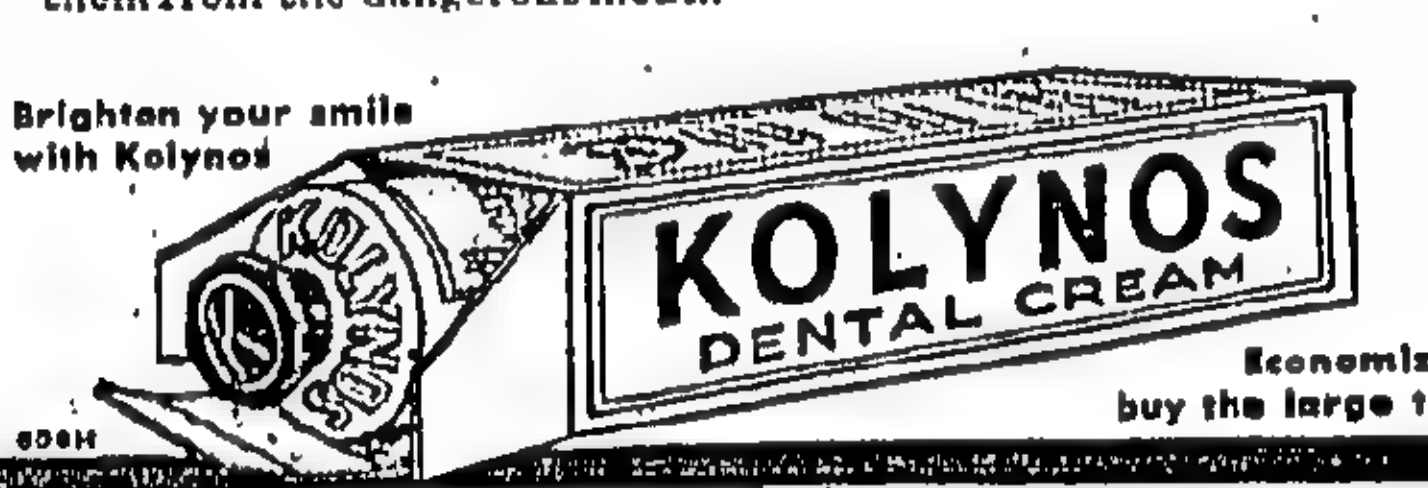


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British Captain in Turkish Gaol

Twice Held Blameless For Sea Crash That Cost 24 Lives—But Still Held Boat Stopped In His Path
EIGHT PASSENGERS CLIMBED MAST

London, Feb. 28.
CAPTAIN HARRY FARQUHAR, thirty-six-year-old master of the Glasgow tanker Vanduara has been in a Turkish gaol for the past four weeks.

Captain Farquhar was arrested by the Turkish police in January after a collision between his ship and a Turkish motor-boat in the Dardanelles. Twenty-four lives were lost.

He was taken to Canakkale prison and his ship sailed without him. Later she returned to Istanbul in the hope that her captain would be released in time to join her.

But the Vanduara was forced to sail on January 27. She is now between Gibraltar and Rouen. A committee of Turkish maritime experts held an inquiry into the cause of the accident and exonerated Captain Farquhar from all blame.

Despite this he was still detained. British authorities have been trying ever since to procure his release. The Turkish Public Prosecutor decided to hold a further inquiry in another district. Again Captain Farquhar was found not guilty of criminal negligence.

The investigations held Captain Hussell, in command of the motor boat, responsible for the disaster. Captain Hussell was arrested at the same time as Captain Farquhar.

A PROMISE

The reason given for Captain Farquhar's continued detention is that a further verdict must first be obtained from the Turkish Naval Ministry.

As soon as their official exoneration reaches the governor of Canakkale Gaol it is promised that Captain Farquhar will be set free. Meanwhile the captain is not accommodated in the cells but in the private apartments of the governor. Captain Farquhar said to a Press representative yesterday:—

"The motor boat in crossing the bows of the Vanduara, unexpectedly turned against the wind, stopping dead in my path."

"Eight people climbed up the mast. That caused a heavy list and capsize the boat."

"I was steaming slowly and ordered the engines full astern. We did everything possible to avoid the accident but unsuccessfully."

Captain Farquhar finds no fault with his present quarters. "I am more comfortable here than in the hotel where I passed the first night. I am learning Turkish with the help of a Turkish dictionary and talk every day with the warders."

"My agent here has provided me with furniture, even including a carpet, and visits me daily."

"My room is without a lock and my windows are without bars facing the sea."

The governor said:— "I regard Captain Farquhar not as a prisoner but as my private guest. I hope to be able to inform him very soon that he has been exonerated. I hope he will remain as my guest for some time—as a free man."

Captain Farquhar is a bachelor. His mother, a widow, lives in the fishing village of Port Gordon, Banffshire.

The only news she has had of her son's detention are a telegram and a letter from the owners of the Vanduara.

Captain W. H. Coombs, secretary of the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation, said:—

"We feel very strongly about the position of Merchant Captains who are liable to imprisonment in foreign ports as a result of collisions which, in this country, are dealt with in the civil courts."

Heiress Marries Fisherman: "No Regrets"

By ALAN JOHNSON

Hope Cove, Devon, Mar. 1. IN a tiny cottage on the gale-swept coast, a Yorkshire girl, who gave up her Society friends and a life of travel and luxury to become the wife of a fisherman, told me to-day how she had found happiness.

When Miss Joan Mary Ellison, daughter of a wealthy colliery owner, married handsome Ernest Powesland, a Hope Cove fisherman, her friends scoffed.

LAUGHED AT SCOFFERS
"You will never stick it," they told her.

Mrs. Powesland laughed, and said nothing. She just went on with her job as a fisherman's wife, helping her husband with the lobster and crab-pots, learning to cook and do the housework.

To-day Mrs. Powesland sat in the snug living room of her cottage home, and talked of her life.

"It is great," she said, and laughed. "They told me I should regret coming here, but I am happier now than ever I was."

"I hated Society life and I hated being known as an heiress."

"I have fallen in love with the simple life that we lead here, and gradually I am becoming used to hard work. I am healthier and happier than I have ever been."

"Ernie and I"—she smiled up at her stocky, young husband, who stood beside her in his seaboots and blue fisherman's jersey—"read passages from the Bible every night before we go to bed."

"We are always in bed by ten, and we get up at seven in the morning."

NO MORE PARTIES
"But I would never go back to social round and a life of parties to the small hours in the morning."

"Every Sunday we go to church or chapel together. We join with our neighbours in all the simple social life of the village."

"I am in love with Ernie and he loves me."

"We have our home, our dogs, our fishing boat—and we have each other. What more could any woman want?"

NEW TEETH AT 108
Hamilton, March 1.

"I LIKE life; I'm happy." That is the reason Mardiros Tatouian, Canada's oldest citizen, gives for having attained the great age of 108.

He is particularly proud of a third set of teeth which have been growing since his second set were extracted three years ago.

Favourite dishes on his daily menu are pork chops and mashed potatoes. He drinks quantities of milk, but he never touches intoxicants.—Reuter.



Two gentlemen seem to be vying for the ladies' names in their dance programmes at St. Patrick's Ball this week.

—King's Studio.

DR. SERGE VORONOFF, 68-year-old inventor of monkey gland rejuvenation treatment tells below of his latest discoveries, of his patients, of his dream of lengthening human life to 150 years.

"Ten Years More Youth" Offered

Paris, Mar. 1.

DR. VORONOFF, working at his beautiful home at Mentone, the Chateau Grimaldi, with his laboratories and accommodation for 100 living apes, has completed a system for analysing and grouping the blood of chimpanzees on exactly the same basis as that of human beings.

He claimed in a talk recently that his monkey gland treatment (based on his recent discoveries) extends the period of "youth" which can be given to a middle-aged man or woman to ten years.

He revealed that the number of his women patients has increased seven-fold during the past two years.

He said: "I have had one patient aged twenty-three, my youngest. My two oldest at the moment are men of eighty-three years—but it is my dream to lengthen human life to 150 years."

"The average age of women who become rejuvenated is about forty-five."

"They take the treatment just when they begin to realise that they are gaining weight, losing vitality, vivaciousness, and their attraction. After an operation they look and become younger."

Dr. Voronoff said that British men and women now represent about 30 per cent. of his rejuvenation patients.

ARABS TO PLEAD FOR AMNESTY

Jerusalem, March 5.

AN effort to induce Britain to implement her pledges given to the Arab Kings before the end of the recent strike is believed to be behind the departure of the Grand Mufti for the Hejaz.

With other Palestinian Arab leaders of the Higher Committee, he will sail to-morrow from Alexandria heading a strong Pan-Arab delegation.

Although ostensibly on a religious pilgrimage, the real object of the visit is to confer with King Ibn Saud, who raised an objection to holding a Pan-Islamic conference at Mecca on the grounds that he refused to mix religion and politics.

A more concrete request is to be made to the British Government through diplomatic channels in London for an amnesty for the Arabs whose death sentences were commuted.

MEDALS FOR CORONATION APPROVED BY KING AND QUEEN SPECIAL SITTINGS AT SANDRINGHAM

Models in white plaster of two Coronation medals, approved by the King and Queen, were exhibited at the Royal Mint recently.

The official commemorative medal, by Mr. Percy Metcalfe, will be struck at the Mint alone, and, in accordance with precedent, shows on the obverse the head of the King and on the reverse that of the Queen.

The double head portraiture of the King and Queen is a standard pattern probably designed at the Mint by Mr. Langford Jones, and is intended for incorporation in the medals already prepared with various special reverses, and in various sizes and metals, for supply to municipal and other bodies.

This was designed at the suggestion of the Federation of British Industries. It was considered that a standardised medal, showing suitable portraits of the King and Queen, was desirable.

The official medal will be struck in two sizes of silver and gold—2½ in diameter and 1½ in. Further quantities in bronze will be struck in the smaller size only. Both designs are more boldly delineated than those prepared for King George V's Coronation.

READY IN APRIL
The preliminary work, was done from studio portraits before the artists went to Sandringham for special sittings given by the King and Queen. These all took place on one day, which was unusual for these occasions, and an indication of the King and Queen's keen interest in the work, and their desire to study the convenience of the artists.

Mr. Percy Metcalfe said that at Sandringham he worked on a plasticine design.

The Queen is smiling in the double-head portraiture, and her profile is at a lower level than the King's. The date, "12 May, 1937" is near the centre of this medal, and the words, "Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth," near the edge.

The medals will not be ready until April. Applications for the official medal should not be made to the Mint direct, but to any bank or to any of the leading metal dealers.

30,000 Ducks Are Going To Britain

Sydney, Mar. 1.
Thirty thousand ducks are to be shipped to London by Mr. R. H. Rodes, who owns the largest poultry farm in Australia at Matraville, Sydney.

The ducks are to be sent in time for the "Coronation" festivities.—Reuter.

Life Still Hard In Russia

WAGES TOO LITTLE FOR FOOD

Paris, Mar. 1.

"Though life in Russia has improved in the last three or four years it is still extremely hard," said Vassily, a 22 year old Russian seaman, who left the Soviet cargo ship Pokrovsky while it was unloading manganese ore at Boulogne.

"Many of my comrades would do the same as I did," he said, "but they are afraid of being caught by the harbour police and sent back on board."

While in foreign waters, he explained, food rations were good. In Soviet ports the seamen had the same food as other workmen, but were not sustained like them by the same belief that everything in the Soviet Union was better than everything everywhere else. The seamen had seen for themselves.

An average worker, he says, earns about 250 roubles a month, and to eat satisfactorily must spend about four roubles a day. Hence a family must put up with poor food, and the housewife spends her time standing in queues. He had never met a workman who was a "Trotskyist."

A political commissar gives political instruction to crews during the voyage, and those who do not show interest are kept on coasting vessels and not sent on ships which travel to foreign ports.

MACHINERY POOR
The machinery of the Soviet merchant fleet was, he said, in poor condition, and attempts to have the ships repaired in the Soviet Union had proved unsuccessful. The Soviet cargo ships were mainly repaired abroad.

Three years ago the ship on board which Vassily was serving on the Siberian coast was used to transport a large party of political prisoners, men, women and children, mostly peasants, who were carried in the hold without any special provision for their comfort or sanitation for eight days.

Last October the Kurik, to whose crew Vassily belonged, was ordered to call at once at Sebastopol, where cases containing fighting aeroplanes and tanks were taken on board from the naval harbour, as well as 135 smart young men in mufti. These were the pilots for the aeroplanes, tank drivers, and the mechanics.

These 135 men left at Alicante, but most of the cargo was disembarked at Barcelona. The ship returned home with a cargo of Spanish oranges.

Woman Novelist Beats Edgar Wallace

WRITING at the rate of a million words a year, Miss Maysie Greig, the novelist, is now surpassing Edgar Wallace for output.

Just over 30, she has already 30 published books to her credit. And her pen becomes more prolific.

In the past year she has written six novels, the latest of which "New Moon Through a Window" will shortly be issued.

AMAZING SPEED
"Most of her actual writing is done at her charming country residence—a modernised Tudor house at St. Mary Bourne, near Andover," her London secretary said.

"She keeps a strict time-table, working from ten in the morning till six in the evening. The speed of her composition is amazing."

Miss Greig always writes love stories.

"I write happy love stories because I believe that happiness is the greatest virtue in the world and misery the greatest sin," she says.

From the age of five she has been writing love stories. It was not until she was twenty that her first novel was published.

'Hepburn Wed In Secret'

New York, Mar. 1.
Friends of film star Katharine Hepburn believe she has been secretly married to millionaire Howard ("Hell's Angels") Hughes in Springfield, Illinois.

Their belief is based on the strange behaviour of Hughes. He is cruising in his yacht in Maryland waters, and has not contacted with his secretaries or friends for five days.

Miss Hepburn is now playing "Jane Eyre" at St. Louis. She and Hughes are said to be planning a reunion in New York shortly.

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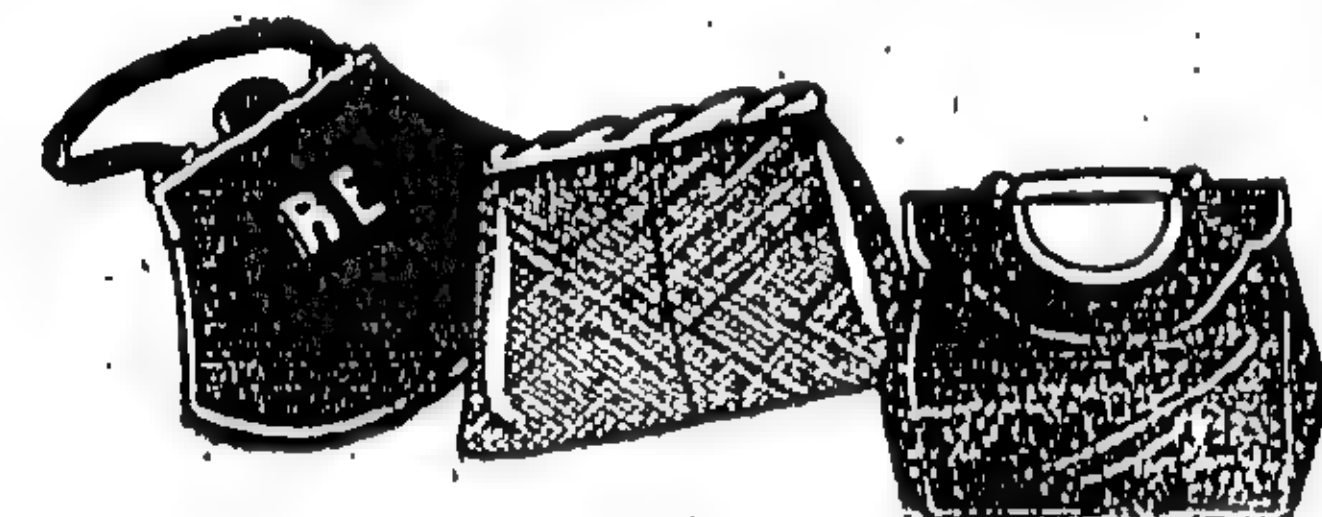
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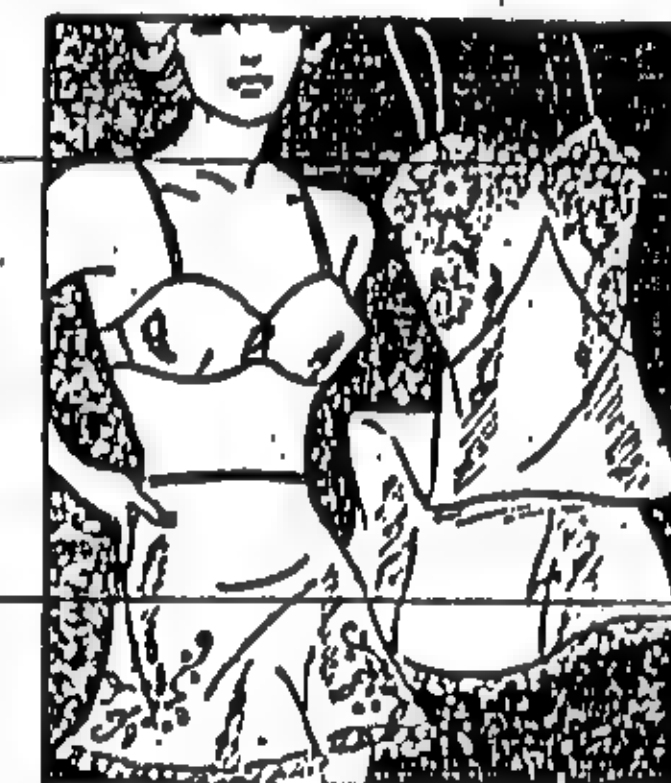


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A PIECE OF THREAD AND A THIEF

Washington, Jan. 30.

A thread led to the arrest of an army tailor on a charge of stealing six guns. Four were found in a bag. Thread used to sew the bag, was examined under a microscope, traced to the tailor. G-Men said he confessed.—United Press.

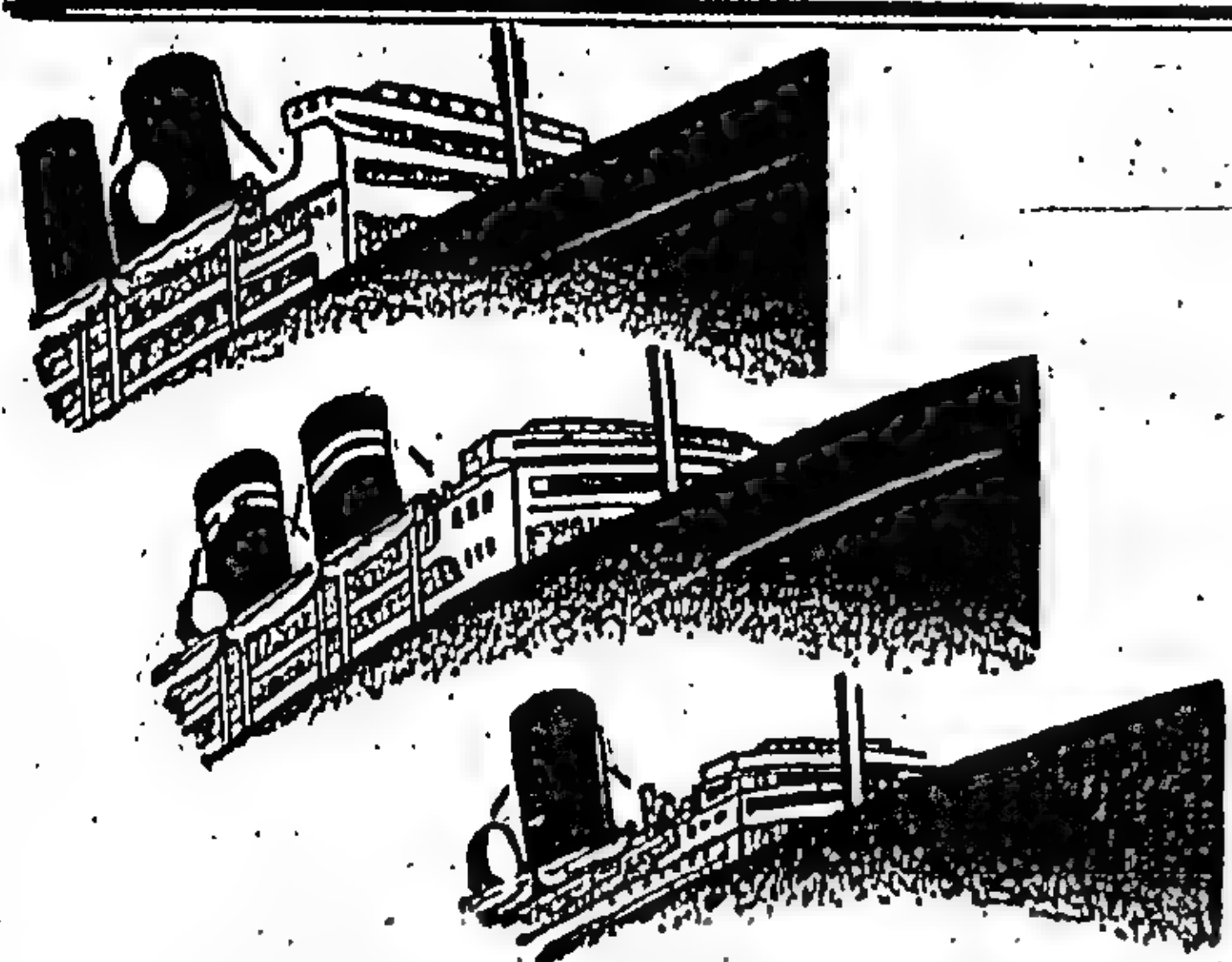


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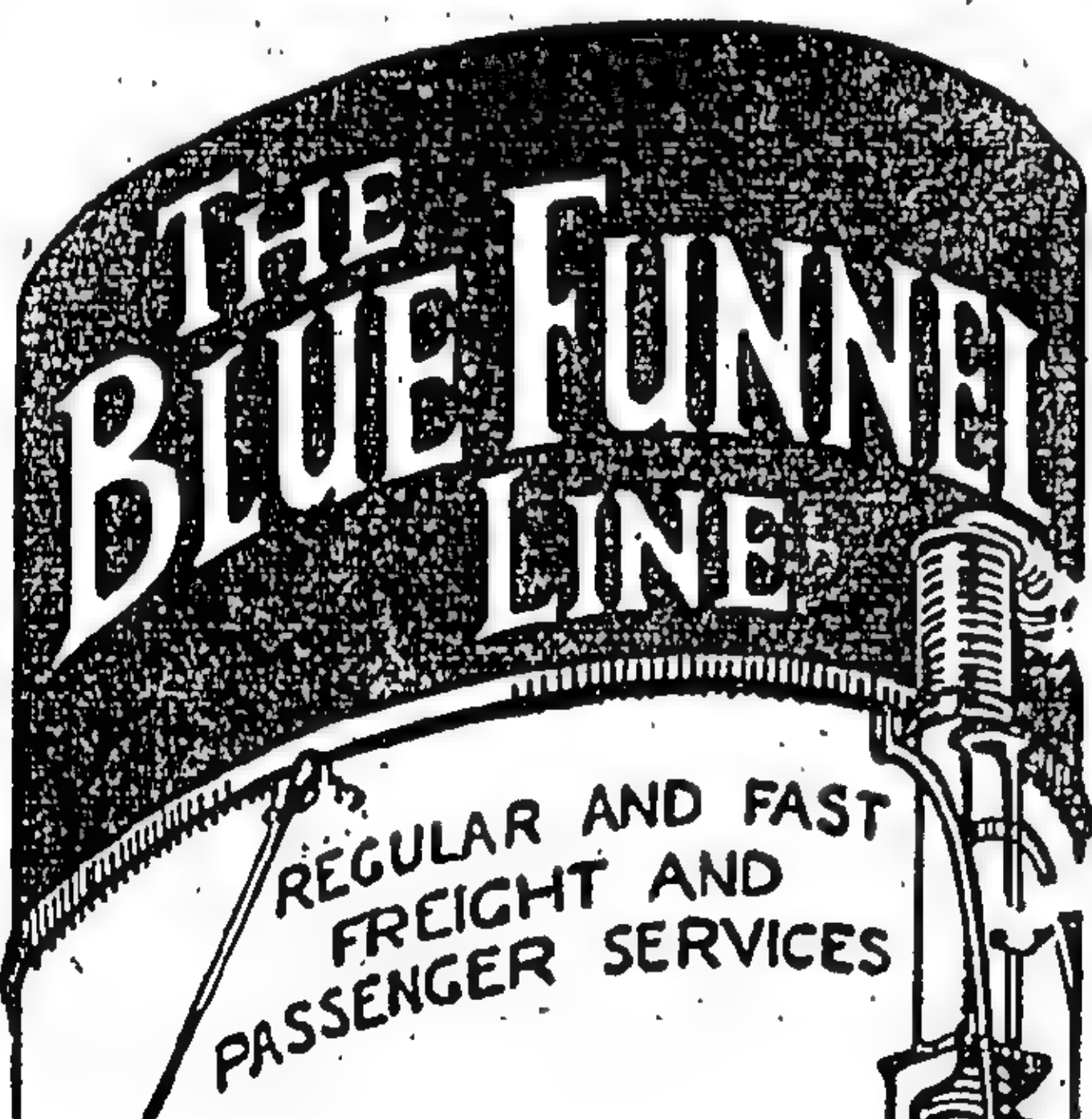
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Student Riots In Egypt

POLICE CALLED TO QUELL MOBS

Cairo, Mar. 18.
Students carrying out a political demonstration clashed with the police this morning in the students' quarter at Giza, resulting in a number of injuries. The situation called for the despatch to Giza of all the mounted police available from Cairo. Meanwhile, other parties of students have attacked newspaper offices, resulting in some casualties among the police and students.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 25, 1916.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.5/16d.

The Bandmann Opera and Comedy Company opened a season at the Theatre Royal with such plays as "Grumpy," "The Man Who stayed at Home," "Polish and Perlmutter" and "The Only Girl."

Inspector W. Withers retired from the Hongkong Police Force after 29 years' service.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League.

Common Colds And 'Flu

PROGRESS TOWARDS IMMUNITY

London, Mar. 18.
An inquiry was addressed to the Lord President of the Council in the House of Commons to-day regarding the progress of experiment and research, assisted by the Medical Research Council, into the prevention and cure of the common cold and influenza.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said during the past year there had been further confirmation from different parts of the world that the virus originally isolated in 1933 at the National Institute for Medical Research is the infective agent, which causes epidemics of influenza, and on this basis measures for preventive action were being devised and substantial progress had been achieved. There was considerable ground for hoping that satisfactory means for producing at least temporary immunity would be evolved.

Mr. MacDonald added that the Council was not at the moment supporting any direct attack upon the common cold, but the problems were closely related and any advance against one disease was likely to assist attacks on the other.—British Wireless.

Dr. C. Forsyth was elected as President, Mr. H. A. Nisbet as Vice-President and Dr. Lindsay Wood as Hon. Secretary.

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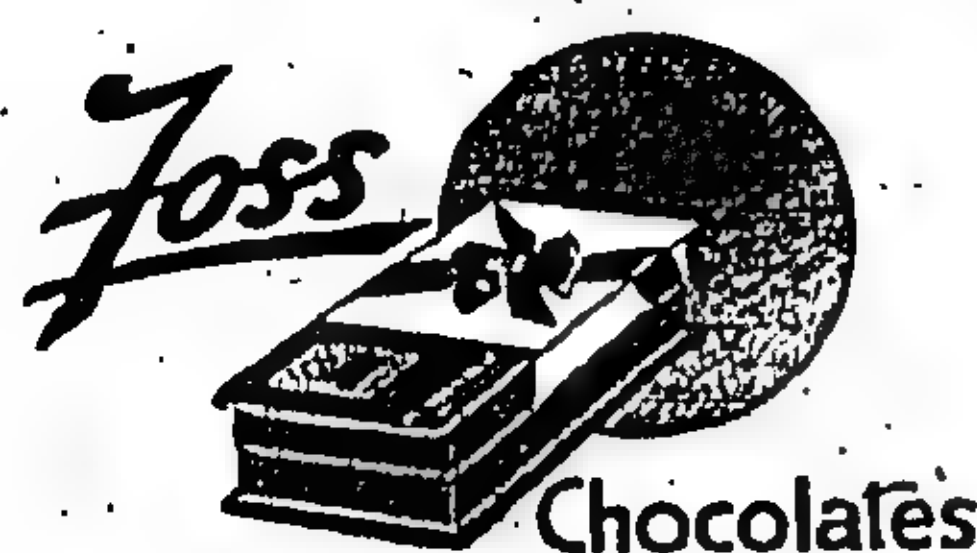
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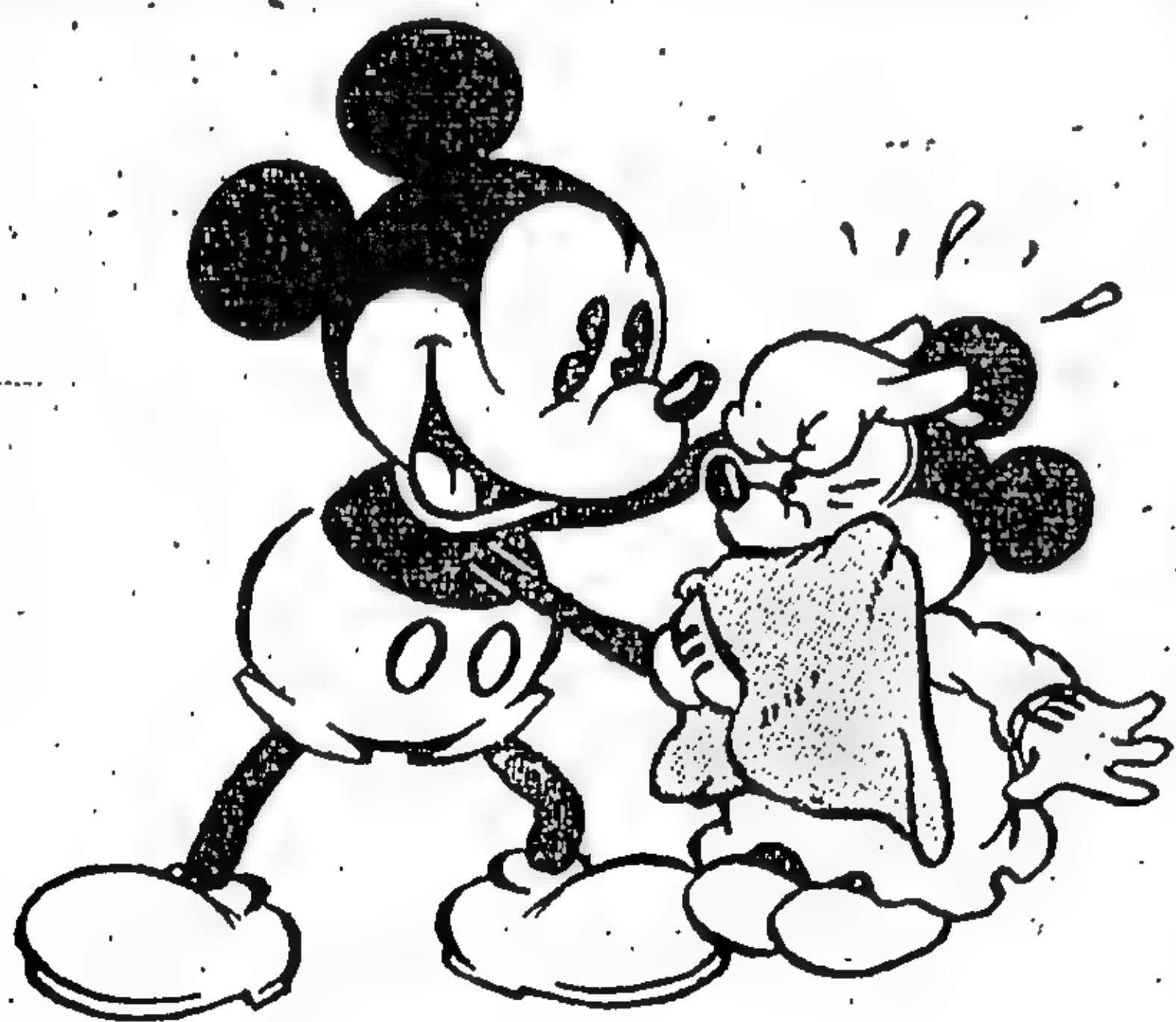
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DEATH.

REMEDIOS.—On 19th March, 1937, at 5.15 a.m. at the Kowloon Hospital, Alberto V. Remedios, aged 29. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1937.

THIS PICTURE AND THAT

The Great War destroyed the "absolute" monarchies of Germany, Russia, Austria and Turkey that had hitherto remained as survivals from earlier centuries. It appeared to most men and especially to the framers of the Covenant of the League of Nations that the world had been made "safe for democracy". The vision of future international relationships was one of willing co-operation for common ends between free, equal, independent, democratic nations. Inevitably occasional disputes would occur but these would be settled quickly in a friendly atmosphere of goodwill and mutual understanding. If by any mischance the old Adam of bellicosity or aggression reasserted itself anywhere, the sanity of the whole Society of Nations would quickly apply the overwhelming force at its command to repress such atavistic tendencies. That was the situation in 1920, when men promised themselves perpetual peace in a well-ordered world. What a different picture we have in 1937! Over a large portion of Europe there have been set up totalitarian Governments—far more powerful than have ever been known before in human history, and democracy itself is in danger of being swamped. In several of these States, the League of Nations ideal of a co-operative peaceful world-order is openly repudiated. How is it this degeneration has set in? A variety of causes doubtless have played their mischievous part—e.g. economic nationalism, the gross injustices in the Peace Treaties, the lack of imagination among statesmen of the wartime Allies that prevented them from foreseeing the necessity of remedying the real grievances of Germany and Italy. Above all else, however, the idea was allowed to grow in those States and elsewhere that the League of Nations existed mainly to perpetuate a world regime in which Great Britain and France reaped all the advantages, Germany was penalised and even Italy got a jackal's rather than a lion's share. Article 19 of the League's Covenant belied this interpretation of the League's purpose—but it was never applied, and in its present form, moreover, is probably unworkable. It will obviously be a very difficult task to restore the sense of co-operative goodwill among the nations, but it must be undertaken if our modern civilisation is to be saved from utter destruction. The League of Nations way is the only way that gives any promise, but it must be a League in which the possibility of peaceful change is provided for as clearly and fully as the preservation of law and order.

MEN who fought in the last war are asking each other one question in these weeks that are arousing the arsenals and smelting works from their long sleep.

That question is "Would you go again?"

It has been asked many times in the past nineteen years, sometimes seriously, sometimes sarcastically. For in only too many cases has the lot of the man who gave up his business or his job in 1914-18 to join up been hard.

Associations like the British Legion, Old Comrades and organisations for ex-officers, which should have existed for social or patriotic purposes only, have found it necessary to shoulder responsibilities for ex-servicemen which they were persuaded at the time of the "call" would be undertaken by the State.

Britain, it was proclaimed, would, after the war, be a "Land Fit for Heroes." This meant work for the fit; generous pensions for the unfit. It was the wish of the nation that this should be so.

Tired and scarred men returned to their homes after the armistice confident that their future had not been jeopardised by their poorly paid war service. Fights for pensions and allowances from the State were undreamed of. But gradually those associations had to line up to champion the rights of the State's own veterans.

Since I started my series of articles urging reforms of the conditions of the serving soldier I saw at the Officers' Association

by POP WRIGHT

I have received batches of letters from fellow ex-servicemen.

Many of these having pension grievances have reproached me for encouraging their sons to join the colours and to place their futures in the hands of a State which they believe has failed them.

Their impression generally is that the State is mildly surprised that they ever returned from the war. Generous pensions have been granted in some cases, but the method of giving them has been curious.

In some instances men who never saw service outside England have been awarded life pensions as invalids.

Other men who claim that they can prove by independent medical testimony that their health has been wrecked by actual service in the field have applied to the Pension Ministry again and again, but in vain.

I QUOTE from just one of the ex-servicemen. The farm labourer lying in his bed would hear the perpetual throb of the troop and ammunition trains as they passed through the countryside from one end of Britain to the other.

Men in their beds in the towns would hear that same sound. Family men would be listening and straining for that hollow in the distance that would mean action.

He says: "I will tell you what I saw at the Officers' Association, gas and shrapnel.

Would you let your husband go again?

THE SUBJECT THE WOMEN OF AN EMPIRE, AND THE MEN TOO, ARE THINKING ABOUT

when I went there to thank them for their efforts on my behalf. Ex-officers—colonels, captains and others—were being rigged out with overcoats and boots to smarten them up for interviews for jobs."

As an ex-private who saw the responsibilities these now Forgotten Men discharged in France and on other fronts, I would not care to watch that pathetic parade.

Letters to me from all ranks tell of the humiliation of the dole queues, of "public assistance" grants and of heart-breaking decisions of the Ministry of Pensions. Many thousands of the men of 1914-18 would be eligible for service again in the event of another war. And the State would expect them to rush to the colours.

NOW for the other side. That is, a Britain hurled into a war which, if she did not win it, would mean her death as an Empire. Such a defeat would place the nation under a reign of tyranny and sacrifice not to be removed by votes at general elections, or even by a revolution.

A Britain in the first rush of war, a Britain afire with anxiety day and night under the unceasing drone of aeroplanes keeping sentry in the skies.

The nights would be the test of the ex-servicemen. The farm labourer lying in his bed would hear the perpetual throb of the troop and ammunition trains as they passed through the countryside from one end of Britain to the other.

Men in their beds in the towns would hear that same sound. Family men would be listening and straining for that hollow in the distance that would mean action.

the arrival in the sky of bombs, gas and shrapnel.

Armies would disappear from these shores in those nights. No one, except those who sent them, would know where they had gone; whether they had survived. Radio sets would be dumb; newspapers would be under a stern censorship.

Sons and nephews under compulsion would leave their homes for the training camps.

Rumours of disaster like those during the days of Mons in 1914 would trickle over the country and spread. The truth of these would neither be admitted nor denied officially.

THEN at night the ex-servicemen, with his wife and family sleeping around him, would have his lonely struggle.

In this matter of the children one scene through which I passed in the dark early days of the last war was one not to be forgotten.

My battalion had been encamped in a training ground on the out-skirts of Sheffield. We were leaving the city to entrain for one of those "unknown destinations" of the period.

People lined the roads at every point as we marched by. Some were in tears, others cheered.

And then we came to a school, standing in its own attractive grounds. The road in front was lined with children. They cheered and waved their hands as we passed them.

They were all blind.

WOULD you go again? An old soldier who fought at Mons wrote to me recently from a Surrey workhouse.

He ended with the P.S.: "It looks as though there will be another war before long. I expect we should all have to go again."

He supplied the answer, I suppose.

BUT, do you know, there need be no problem. This country is arming—for defence. We seek no quarrel with any one; and if the women and children—as well as the men—raise their voices against our statesmen involving us in any more troubles such as we had in 1914, then the battleships and the planes will not go into action.

We call that Splendid Isolation.

'NATIONAL' MEMORIES

HOW the memories crowd on me. From the farmer-owned Sunloch and the broken-winded Tip who defied the hunting burden of twelve stone seven.

Manifesto and Cloister were before my time. I love to hear the old-timers debate and argue which was the better. They were the first simply could not shake him off.

Jerry M. and Poethlyn will be remembered by all except the young. I was fortunate enough to see him both win. Jerry M. was a grand type of "chaser," trained by Bob Gore and ridden by Ernest Piggott. Such was Jerry M.'s fame that, in spite of his twelve stone seven, he was as strong a fancy as was Golden Miller to-day.

In his day Jerry M. captured the popular imagination by his mighty deeds.

On the great day at Aintree he had been carrying the lightest burden for all the difference it made to him. He simply toyed with the opposition and had the race won a long way from home.

I should say that was one of the most comfortable rides Ernest Piggott ever had in a long career in the saddle.

It was in the year immediately after the war that Poethlyn was successful with Piggott in the saddle. He had won a war-time National when it was run at Gatwick. Poethlyn was a dominating factor in his day, and as with Jerry M., the public would not look beyond him.

They made him an 11 to 4 favourite, and he did not let them down. Then came the anti-climax to his career as a runner. He was a good jumper, but circumstances combined to prevent his having a real preparation. There were twenty-six starters that year, and Poethlyn was the only one to complete the course without falling.

And, I may add, he is not the only one to have done that. My earliest Grand National memories go back to

1907, when Eremon was successful. He only had a lightweight to carry, but several times I have listened to perary Tim to the immortal quartet again. Eremon was one of several winners trained by Tom Coulthwaite.

A good thing very nearly came unstuck. A loose horse—attached to the carriage—was about to shake him off.

Wherever Eremon went, as did the loose horse go. Once, when in mid-air, Newey had to hit off the loose horse with his whip. The jockey both win. Jerry M. was a grand type of "chaser," trained by Bob Gore and ridden by Ernest Piggott. Such was Jerry M.'s fame that, in spite of his twelve stone seven, he was as strong a fancy as was Golden Miller to-day.

There was what is known in racing circles as a "turn up" in the following year. Mr. Withington, now a much respected member of the National Hunt Committee and a steward of many meetings, was then a trainer.

He saddled two horses and had a great fancy for one of them. To his surprise, and also to the surprise of most of the onlookers, the pair finished first and second, but in the wrong order so far as anticipations were concerned. Battle MacGregor was the more home of the stable, but the pair came 60 to 1 chance. Rublo, who it was said, had once worked between shafts, beat his more fancied stable companion readily enough.

Glenside was a "dead end" horse on a fortnight before the National of 1911. He had been attacked by a bad cold, and had only one eye, if I remember rightly.

In the ordinary way he would have been a well-fancied candidate, but he was a good jumper. But circumstances combined to prevent his having a real preparation. There were twenty-six starters that year, and Poethlyn was the only one to complete the course without falling.

He was the first of three National winners ridden by Jack Anthony. Covert Coat had stridethal, and in consequence was not an attractive



By J. HILTON PARK

But it did not do trying to reduce the swelling. He was repaid for all his trouble by second successive winner for Gore, scoring the horse score a popular victory.

Sunloch had a light weight and a romantic career. He was regarded as a joke in some quarters, but the laugh was on his side when he set off and made practically all the running.

Shaun Spadah was a grand old horse who is still living. He was a beautiful jumper and gave a very smooth performance. The trainer had just saddled the second in the Lincolnshire and remarked to me, "Never mind. I will be first in the high in the list."

Muscle Hall was trained by Golden Miller's present trainer. When he was a National runner at Hurst Park shortly before the war he came back with a lump in his leg as big as a tennis ball, through it gaily and made some

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GANDHI'S POWER IS UNSHAKEN

INDIA SOCIALISTS NOT A FACTOR
CONGRESS SETS ITS COURSE

New Delhi, Mar. 18. After a discussion which lasted for thirteen hours, the All-India Congress Committee, by 127 votes to 70, adopted an amended resolution authorising and permitting acceptance of office under the new Constitution in provinces where Congress commands a majority in the Legislature. The resolution, however, carries a proviso that ministerial posts shall not be accepted unless the leader of the Congress party in the Legislature is satisfied and is able to state publicly that the Governor will not use his special powers of interference, or set aside the advice of Ministers regarding their constitutional activities. The fact that the resolution favours the acceptance of office and that it was carried by a large majority is regarded as evidence that Gandhi and his methods still dominate the Congress. The argument of the Gandhi group appears to be that efforts should be made to carry out the Congress programme constitutionally, and that if Congress forms Ministries there will be no deliberate attempt to create deadlocks. It is argued that if a deadlock arises, and it comes from the Government's restriction of the Congress programme, then the whole position would be reconsidered by the Congress working committee. A feature of to-day's meeting was the comparative failure of the Socialist element, which is regarded as demonstrating that it is as yet unable seriously to challenge Gandhi's sway.—*Reuter*.

TEXAS SCHOOL DEATH ROLL 670

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dismissed, was only slightly damaged.

Resemble Rag Dolls

The victims, according to the Superintendent of Schools, resembled rag dolls, from which the clothes had been blown.

An eye-witness says there was a low rumble and then a loud report and the high school building seemed to rise in the air. Next came a burst of flame and the building fell in, apparently quickly extinguishing the fire by its own weight.—*Reuter*.

Estimates Of Dead

Overton (Tex.), Mar. 18. An explosion from an oilfield gas line in the New London (Texas) Rural High School is reported to have killed between three and four hundred students. Two hours after the explosion, the bodies of a hundred children were taken to Henderson, whilst other dead and injured were taken to Overton public buildings, churches and homes.

The classrooms on both floors of the two-story building and the roof were blown out.

The first person to reach the scene was Mrs. Joe Merka, telephone operator, who states that "at least ninety per cent. of the children are killed. Injured and mangled children hung against the wall or lay in wreckage outside."

The radio station, KOCA, Texas, has broadcast a message that there are more than three hundred dead, whilst the superintendent of the school, Mr. W. C. Shaw, estimates that there are between five hundred and a thousand deaths.

A Methodist minister, Rev. R. J. Jackson, says there are many bodies still in the school building, and that it is impossible to estimate the toll of life. Many have been sent to hospital badly mangled, while "many were trapped in the wreckage, and parents and other relatives are rushing into the school after their children. We are unable to get to the cause of the explosion. We have turned our church into a morgue, and the hospital is overflowing. All the while, bodies are being recovered."

Building Still Afire

The superintendent of an oil company says: "Ninety per cent. of the five hundred children within the school are dead, and the building is still burning."

Locally called "the largest rural school in the world," the building is situated at the top of a hill amidst a pine forest, while near-by there are many oil derricks. There were 1,300 students on the roll most of whom were in the auditorium at the time of the explosion. It is reported that only one wall of the building is standing, the remainder having been sheared off a few feet above the ground.

According to one report, the blast was centred in the boiler-room and blew through the auditorium, in which were 720 grade school and high school students and teachers.

Explosion Mystery

When the explosion occurred, the roof was lifted into the air and dropped back again, causing wreckage in which the fire started. It is believed that an accumulation of gas in the boiler-room caused the explosion.

A school boarder from New London, E. Kern, estimates that there were five hundred dead, including more than twenty-five of the faculty of fifty-four teachers. He said the

LANDING PARTY SPIKES GUN AT LYEEMUN FORT

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view of Dainty and Decoy, which followed at respectable distances. The ruse succeeded, and three parties were landing from Dainty and Decoy. At 10.30 a.m. the landing party, consisting of Dainty and Decoy, landed at Lyeemun Fort. The landing party, consisting of Dainty and Decoy, landed at Lyeemun Fort.

Smoke Screens Laid

The three destroyers kept a rendezvous with H.M.S. Berwick at Nine Pins at dawn this morning. At 7 a.m. Dainty and Decoy began to lay a thick black and white smoke screen across the ocean. Decoy following to fill in any gaps. The destroyers were beautiful to watch at this operation, crossing and recrossing in a particularly smart manner. Coming up behind the smoke screen at a more stately pace, H.M.S. Berwick, completely hidden from the shore, commenced a systematic bombardment which was still continuing as I despatched this message.

During the night the Inniskilling Regiment, aboard H.M.S. Medway disembarked at Brothers Point, near Castle Peak, and after a forced march across country, engaged the Redland defenders a few miles inland.

Theoretically the defenders and the Inniskillings are planned to this area, where they have dug themselves in. Actually, however, the Inniskillings re-embarked aboard Medway at noon. Casualties are heavy on both sides.

Official Communique

The following press communique was issued from Military Headquarters to-day:

"At midnight yesterday Northland declared her benevolent neutrality with Redland and guaranteed that no Blueland troops would be permitted to use Northland territory. It was also officially declared by Northland that the report of landing by air of Blueland troops in Northland territory was false."

"Last night—March 18—Blue-land again attacked the Colony at various points. The Eastern entrance was attacked early during the night, being being effected at Salwan Bay and at Devil's Peak. Blue destroyers taking part in this operation laid a smoke screen, but anti-aircraft searchlights illuminated these ships over the screen and gave Devil's Peak Battery an easy shoot. In this and during a later destroyer attack on the Eastern entrance defences, nine destroyers were sunk in Lyeemun Pass."

"These two landings were easily repulsed with great loss to Blue-land."

Landing Effected

"At about midnight a landing in strength was carried out by Blue-land on three beaches along Castle Peak Reach. Considerable casualties to boats and personnel were inflicted on Blue-land, owing to good timely information of approach being received by Fortress Headquarters, from gunboats and Naval patrols, and Coast Watchers. In spite of casualties, however, Blue-land covering force gained a firm footing on shore and now holds a line some one and a half miles in depth on a front of three miles. It is expected that this covering force will be reinforced to-night. Any advance of Blue-land troops eastward on Kowloon is being prevented by the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers and the 1st Battalion Kumanan Rifles. After Commander Mainland has had time to make his plan it is hoped that this covering force will be thrown back into the sea, before re-inforcements arrive. At present (2.00 p.m.) fierce fighting is taking place."

"Air activity was considerably reduced owing to bad visibility. Blue-land aircraft have carried out several flying attacks on vital points of the Colony; little damage is reported. On the other hand three Blue-land aircraft have crashed in flames in the harbour."

"Redland morale remains high. Cooperation between Regulars and Volunteers, both Naval and Military, is increasing in efficiency hourly with experience gained by active service. The epidemic amongst the Volunteers is abating and it is anticipated that by to-morrow evening the full strength of the Volunteers, both Naval and Military, will be deployed."

"Voluntary enrolment and enlistment continues satisfactory. The measures put in force by the Air Raids Precautions Committee are working smoothly and efficiently."

"The Police Coast Watching Posts continue to be of the greatest assistance to the Fortress Intelligence Service."

"The general situation is that all Red troops are definitely committed and that no cross-harbour transfer of troops is anticipated."

COOLIE DETAINED AFTER FIGHT

A fight between two coolies employed at the Kowloon Godowns has resulted in one of the men being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition, and the detention of the other by the police.

The two men are Chan Hok-chan, aged 37, and Chuk Shiek-wan, 34, following an altercation. Chuk Shiek-wan was detained by the police.

building was not burned; "it just flew to pieces."

Four hours after the blast, there were a hundred bodies at Henderson, 150 at Overton and two at Kilgore. It is estimated that there are at least fifty many without any limbs, lying in the wreckage.—*United Press*.

MINING EXPERTS ARRIVE

TO DEVELOP COLONY PROPERTY

NIELSON & CO. EXPANDING

It is expected that a new record for the Orient will be made in the time required for mill construction at the Lin Ma Hang property of Hongkong Mines, Ltd. The work will commence at once under the supervision of Mr. L. R. Nielson, (President of L. R. Nielson and Co., and of Nielson and Co., Inc.) and Mr. George T. Scholey (chief engineer for the Nielson interests), who arrived in Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on Wednesday.

With Mr. Nielson and Mr. Scholey was Mr. Fowler, who will remain in Hongkong and be in charge of the mining and milling developments at Hongkong Mines. Mr. Nielson reported, on his arrival, that his Company recently signed a contract to manage the property of the Camp 4 Mining Company, located in the vicinity of Baguio.

Also arriving on the Empress of Canada was Mr. W. W. Harris, President of the Far Eastern Minerals Co., a property which is managed by Nielson and Co., Inc. Mr. Harris stated that, with only 60 feet to go and progress being made at the rate of more than eight feet per day, the Water-fall Vein should be cut by March 25. Mr. Harris will continue from Hongkong on the Empress of Canada to the United States and from there he will go to Europe and thence back to Manila.

Same Type Of Accident

MAN SUCCUMBS: BOY BADLY HURT

Age and youth figured in two identical accidents at almost identical times last night. The youth is in the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition, suffering from concussion, while the other victim died at 7 a.m.

"See Yee-mui, a boy aged 12, fell down a flight of narrow stairs at 38 Sand Street at 11.30 p.m. He was unconscious when he fell down a flight of narrow stairs at 7 Lai On Lane at 11.30 p.m. He fractured his skull and was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious condition. He died this morning."

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

London, Mar. 18. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Budget will be introduced on April 20.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

NEUTRALITY BILL PASSES

Washington, Mar. 18. The House of Representatives has passed the McReynolds Neutrality Bill.—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE ENGLISH ARE THE BEST POLITICIANS AND BUSINESS MEN IN THE WORLD.—*General Smuts*.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Robert Leslie Shepherd Webb, insurance manager, of 16 Macdonnell Road, and Miss Evelyn Winifred O'Hagan, stenographer, residing at 2 Link Road.

Falling to appear before Mr. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of being drunk and incapable at Upper Albert Road near Albany Road yesterday, Chan Wah, aged 29, unemployed, had his bail of \$500. Sub-Inspector E. G. Post prosecuted.

Tse Kam, 42, unemployed, who pleaded guilty before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday to the larceny of a pair of ear-rings from Tang Shing-choi, a married woman, aged 43, appeared in Court this morning and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with 12 strokes of the birch.

A native of Wenchow, Chan Wing, 40, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with arriving in the Colony on board the steamer Hing-sang without the consent of her owners or master. He had sailed away at Sandakan. A fine of \$27, the cost of the passage, or one month's hard labour, was imposed.

Chu Chi-kong, of Medan, Sumatra, against whom extradition proceedings are being instituted for the alleged embezzlement of H.K.\$3,000 or 4,000 guilders, the property of the Wing Fat Printing Co., Ltd., between October 1934 and September, 1935, within the jurisdiction of the Netherlands Indies, appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. J. Murphy, C.D.I., appeared for the prosecution, and April 2 and 5 were the dates fixed for hearing, the case being remanded formally for one week.

ITALIAN ARMY BEATEN BACK BY LOYALISTS

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Insurgents Trapped?

Madrid, Mar. 18. Following the capture of Brighuez, fighting has been continuing throughout the night.

Several insurgent battalions are reported to be surrounded.—*Reuter*.

Neutrality Measure

London, Mar. 18. The House of Commons passed the Spanish Frontiers Observation Bill through third reading by 113 to 10 to-night.—*Reuter*.

DRAINING CHINA OF COPPERS

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Chinese customs officials in trying to prevent the outflow is hopeless.

POTENTIAL EXPORTERS

Every man, woman or child travelling to Hongkong is a potential "exporter." They carry the 100 dragon one-cent coins for \$1 Kwantung currency in Canton, and re-sell the same number, or even less, for \$1 Hongkong currency. Since a Canton \$1 note is worth only 50 or 60 cents Hongkong money, the transaction is a lucrative one.

There is no ban on the export of dragon coins from Macao or French territory, and the flow to Hongkong from these centres is so tremendous that they have almost been denuded of copper currency.

Last year's official statistics disclose that copper coins to the value of H.K.\$17,220 were legitimately imported into Hongkong from the French leased territory of Kwangchow-shan, and nearly \$176,000 worth from the Portuguese colony of Macao. Imagination is staggered by the extent of the illegitimate trade.

No re-exportation for the same period is shown in official statistics, except for an infinitesimal quantity returned to Macao.

But, for the first month of the current year, Japan has leapt to the forefront as a buyer. In January, she officially took from this Colony copper coins to the value of \$10,000. Last month, this export business jumped up to \$54,050. These official statistics do not take into consideration the enormous quantity of copper coins which is expected purely as "scrap metal," along with other regular shipments of scrap iron, copper, brass, steel, etc.

It is probable that statistics for the current month will reveal record shipments of all types of scrap metals to Japan.

PALESTINE DISORDERS

Jerusalem, Mar. 18. Curfew is being stringently enforced following Arab and Jewish disorders, in which one person was killed and twenty-seven injured by three bomb explosions.—*United Press*.

CAR STOLEN

Miss Brancombe, of 25 Kennedy Road, has reported the loss of her car, No. 3987. The car was parked in Pedder Street at 5.30 p.m. and disappeared some time between then and 7.30 p.m.

RADIO BROADCAST

Talk—The Longest Trial In History

GRAND NATIONAL

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.).

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7 p.m. Grand Opera.
"Lohengrin"—Prelude (Wagner)... London Symphony Orchestra; "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" (Wagner)... London Symphony Orchestra, and Good evening, Master! I see why 'twas... F. Schorr (Baritone) and G. Ljungberg (Soprano); "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti)... What restlessness me?... Galli-Curci, Homer, Gigli, de Luca, Pinza and Dada, vocal sextet; "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni)—Mother, you know the story; "La Boheme" (Puccini)... Claudia Muzio (Soprano).
7.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 Military Band Music.
La Source Ballet (arr. Winterbottom)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Mechanized Infantry—Quick March (McBain); Fanfare (Adams); The Minstrel Boy (Trad.); The Watch Tower (Haver); Mashed Band of the Aldershot and Eastern Command; Wee MacGregor Patrol (Amers); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Hobomoko-Intermezzo (Reeves); Wedding of the Rose (Jessel)... Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. London—"This is England," talks by representative English people. 11. Mrs. J. Bell, of Cumberland. A countrywoman. Introduced by Anthony Weymouth. (Electrical Recording).
8.15 p.m. Leslie Hutchinson.
Your heart and mine; When I'm with you; Where am I?; Hutch Medley.

8.30 p.m. The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
8.55 London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. From the Studio. Interlude at the Piano by Doreen Ma.

1. When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South; 2. There's something in the air; 3. Thru the courtesy of Love; 4. Moon glow; 5. Stardust.
9.30 Classical Selection (arr. Ewing), played by London Palladium Orchestra.

9.40 From the Studio. A Talk: "The Longest Trial in History," by H. C. Macnamara.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.
10 p.m. Dance Music.
Fox Trot—Sing, sing, sing; Fox Trot—Harlem; Fox Trot—The way you look to-night; Fox Trot—A fine romance; Fox Trot—At the Cafe Continental; Fox Trot—On the Beach at Ball-Ball; Tango—The tang of my heart; Fox Trot—A star fell out of Heaven; Fox Trot—Did I remember?; My Hawaiian song of love.

10.30 p.m. "Under Big Ben." A talk by Howard Marshall.
10.45 p.m. Dance Music (Continued).

Fox Trot—I don't want to make history; Fox Trot—It ain't nobody's business what I do; Tango—Mon Amour; Fox Trot—Every time I look at you; Fox Trot—Sugar Rose.

11 p.m. The Grand National. A running commentary from the Race Course, Aintree, Liverpool.
11.30 p.m. Close Down.

Higher Metal Prices

NOT CAUSED BY RE-ARMAMENT

London, Mar. 18. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked in the House of Commons whether he was aware that owing to the demands of the armament programme and the manipulations of speculators, prices of iron, steel and non-ferrous metals were still rising.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position was being carefully watched, but that the questioner attached an exaggerated importance to the demands of the armaments programme of the Government. These were only part of the total British demand, and that in turn was a small fraction of the world demand. The fundamental cause of the rise in price of these commodities was neither armaments nor speculation, but rapid progress towards economic recovery over a large part of the world.—*British Wireless*.

Stopped and searched in Portland Street on March 10, Leung Wah, 17, was found to have 1,000 heroin pills concealed in the girdle around his waist. Before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, he declared that he had been carrying the pills for someone else. He was fined \$300, or six months' hard labour.

Wong Wah, 20-year-old barber, was brought before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for slashing the throat of a man called Pang Ying with a razor. In Peiho Street on March 18, at the request of Detective Hedges, he was remanded for a week, to enable the complainant to attend Court.

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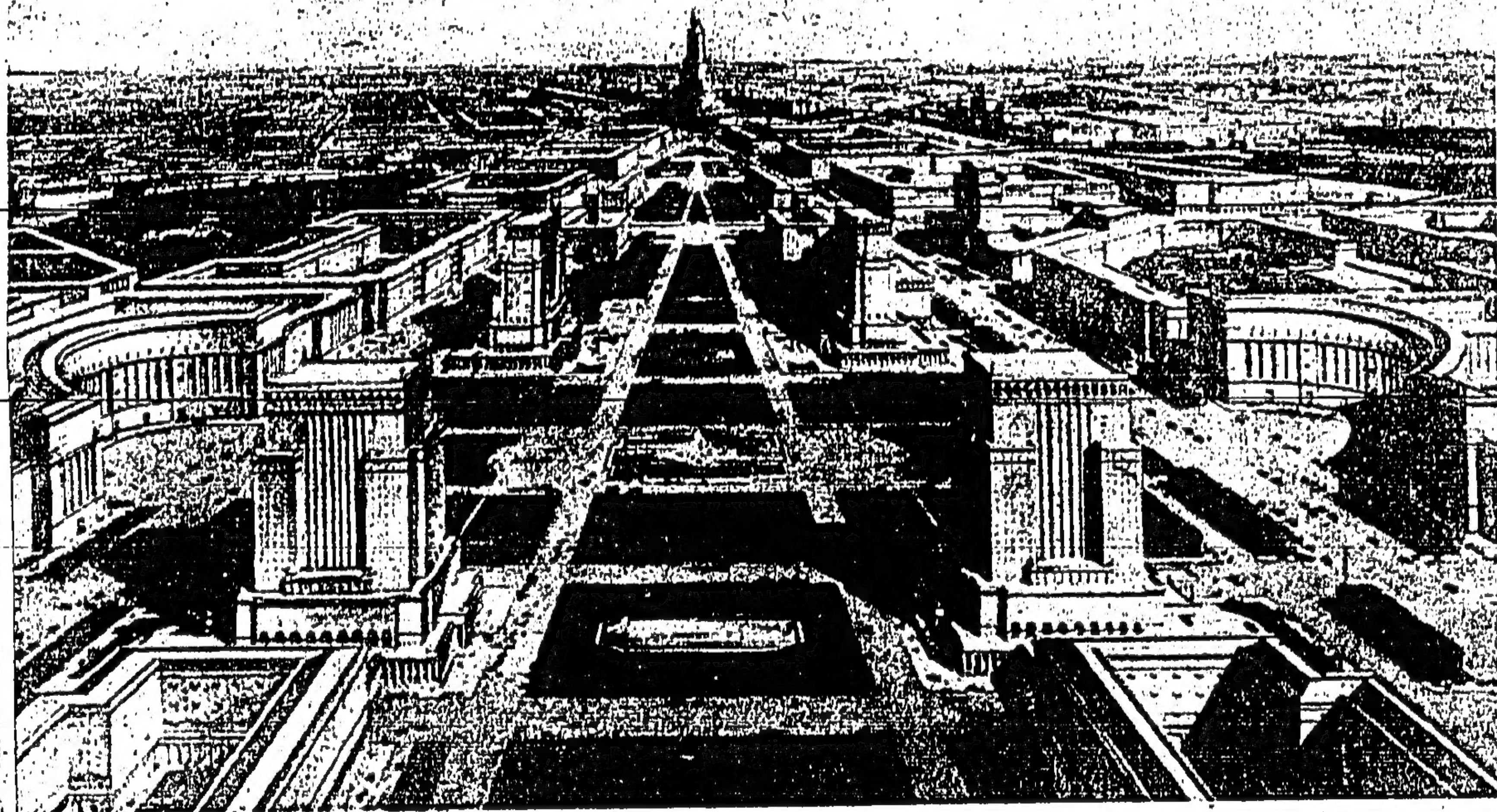


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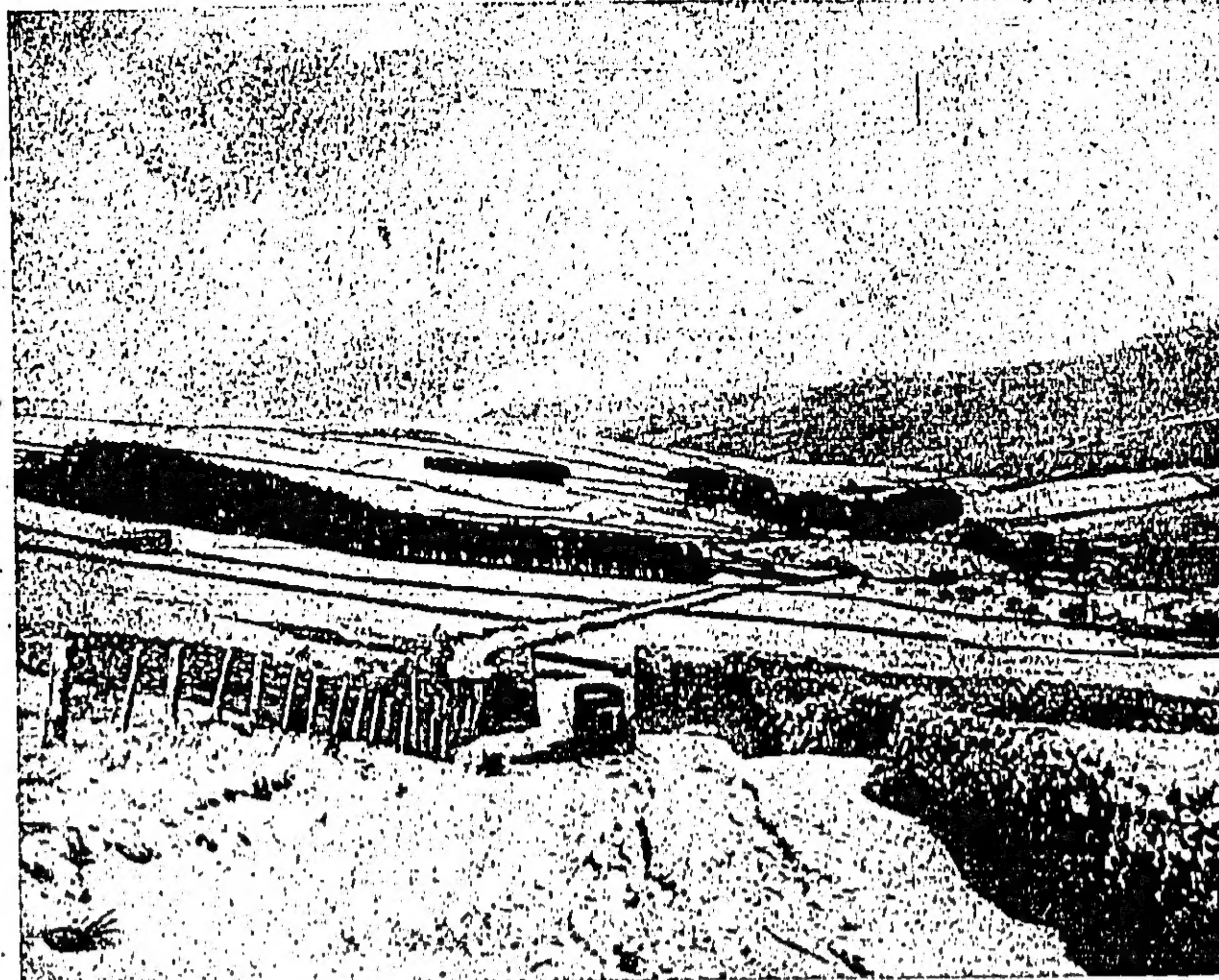
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SNOW IN YORKSHIRE.—A SCENE IN UPPER WHARFEDALE.



In a simple but impressive ceremony on board the U.S.S. Luron, Rear-Admiral Allen, who has been in charge of the United States Yangtze Patrol, relinquished his command to his successor, Rear-Admiral Edward John Marquart. Top picture shows part of the main ceremony in the presence of paraded officers and ratings, while in the lower picture, the retiring Admiral, who had changed into civilian clothes, ready to go ashore, is seen saying good-bye to his successor. Three days after these photos were taken Mrs. Marquart died in Hankow.

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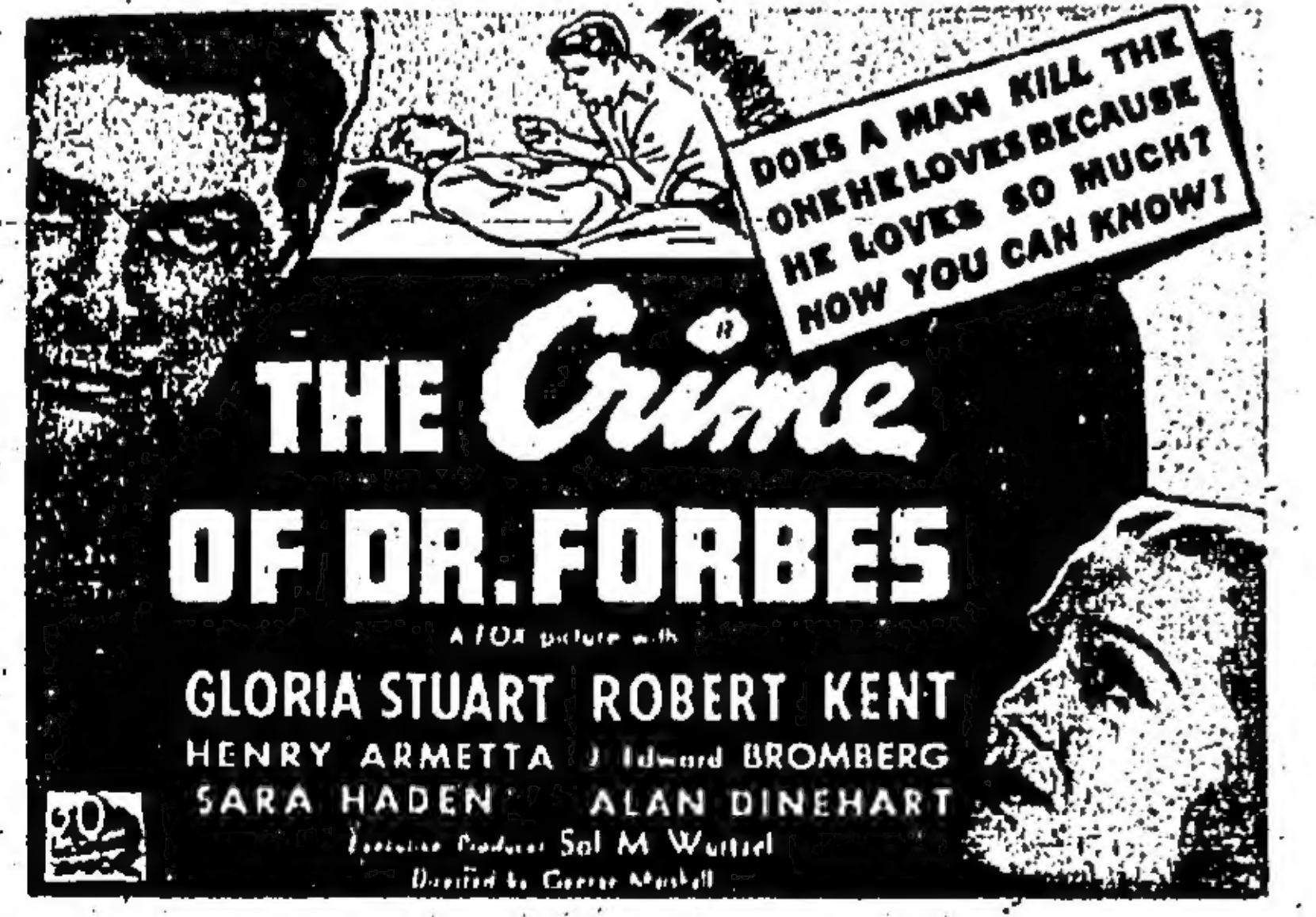
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Several people caught gambling on the second floor of 188 Temple Street on Thursday learnt to their cost that the Kowloon Magistracy this morning that it would have been better to admit the charges against them.
Two married women, Wong So, 25, and Chan Yuet, 40, were accused of

BRITAIN HOPES TO AVOID NAVAL ARMS RIVALRIES

BUT WILL ALTER PLANS IF NEED ARISES

London, Mar. 18.

The British Government intends to stick to 14-inch guns for 35,000-ton battleships if all other powers do the same, declared Sir Samuel Hoare, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons with regard to the report that Japan might adopt 16-inch guns, during the report stage debate on naval estimates.

Sir Samuel added he still hoped it would be possible to implement the naval agreement reached at London last year. It would be a great calamity for the world if such understandings were not carried out by the great naval powers "and we saw again the start of competition amongst new types and sizes."

Sir Samuel said that while he had no official information as to Japan's intentions, it would be a matter of the greatest regret if any power started to build bigger than 14-inch guns or ships beyond 35,000 tons. "As far as Britain is concerned we intend to stick to 14-inch guns for the 35,000-ton battleship, if all other naval powers do the same; and there is the widest measure of agreement between certain of the naval powers." He was sure these limits would be very much better for the world as a whole, and he did not think that any navy would lose in any way in efficiency.

He hoped, he said, that Britain would not have to change her designs for capital ships in the future. But if other countries broke their agreement, Britain would have to consider the new situation.—Reuter.

Singapore Costs

London, Mar. 18.
The question of the cost of the Singapore naval base was raised in the House of Commons at the report stage of the Naval Estimates to-day, the Opposition Labour member, Mr. G. H. Hall, pointing out that the expenditure had grown from £7,000,000 to £11,500,000, excluding the £2,750,000 to be spent by the Army and Air Force at the base.
Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, replying, declared that the reason for what looked like an increase in expenditure over two or three years was in reality the replacement of several very heavy items on a programme which had been truncated earlier. For example, there was the increase over the building of the North Wall to allow for the accommodation of capital ships and an increase in accommodation by about 50 per cent.

Guarding Pacific

However, he went on, the foundations of the base were well laid and in a very few years the whole picture would be complete. There would be additions next year and the following year, but the total cost could now be estimated with some accuracy. When finished, the base would be the most complete and most tangible expression that in the Pacific Great Britain is prepared to defend her interests.
"It stands there," he said, "surely no aggressive idea 4,000 miles from Japan, to protect Australia, New Zealand and the other interests we have over the Pacific Ocean."—Reuter.

Klaxon Horns Not Allowed ONLY BELLS ON BICYCLES

Arrested by an Indian constable in Ramsey Street yesterday with a Klaxon horn attached to the bicycle on which he was riding, Lam Ping-wan, aged 20, a coal dealer, was charged with having an improper device on his bicycle before Mr. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant said he had a bell as well on the bicycle, but Sub-Inspector E. G. Post, who prosecuted, said that only a bell was allowed on bicycles. Defendant was fined \$2 and told to take the Klaxon horn off his bicycle.

GUN-WOMAN COLLECTED MUSSOLINI'S PHOTOS

Paris, Mar. 18.

No less than 300 photographs of the Italian Dictator, Benito Mussolini, including a large one, autographed, are reported to have been found in the flat of the woman who yesterday shot down the Comte de Chambrun, former French Ambassador to Rome, Madame Fontange, as she calls herself. Her name is really Madame de la Ferriere.

Police searched her flat for two hours this afternoon while an excited crowd watched outside. A private diary, stated to contain references to Mussolini and the Comte de Chambrun, was also found and placed under seal.
"Madame Fontange's" lawyer, in-



SIR SAMUEL HOARE
First Lord of the Admiralty

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Tokyo, Mar. 18.
The Cabinet has submitted to the Diet the Supplementary Estimates Bill, totalling 58,197,000 yen, making the aggregate of next year's Budget 2,872,134,000 yen.

The supplementary list includes a small additional amount for the Navy.

This total means that the Budget of the former Prime Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, which caused a storm in Parliament earlier in the year, has been cut by 166,447,000. But the total is still 580,617,000 yen above the present working Budget.—Reuter.

U. S. APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, Mar. 18.
The Senate Appropriations Committee has favourably reported on \$522,847,000 of estimates for the Navy, which is \$3,707,620 below the measures passed by the House.

It has eliminated \$5,000,000 earmarked for the purchase of strategic minerals to permit accumulation for emergencies.

The chief addition is \$725,000 for the construction of a barracks and other improvements at the air station at San Diego. However, the Senate has not changed the vital features of the naval and air force expansion.—United Press.

TIN COMMITTEE ON ROUTINE

London, Mar. 18.

London tin circles are of the opinion that to-day's meeting of the International Committee dealt with routine matters; hence they are not surprised that no communique was issued.

Well-informed quarters stress the point that as long as demand continues at the present rate, there is little or nothing which the International Committee can do which would alleviate the existing tightness.—Reuter.

CHRYSLER FIGHTING WORKERS

SEEKING WRIT OF ARREST

PICKETS ON PATROL

Detroit, Mar. 18.

In drizzling rain and snow, union picket patrols to-day watched for any attempt to eject 6,000 sit-down strikers from the Chrysler factories here, who, with high officials of the United Automobile Workers of America, are defying the legal injunction obtained against them by the company.

The Willys-Overland automobile factory at Toledo, Ohio, employing 4,200 men, closed to-day until Monday owing to the shortage of material from Detroit, whose strike situation has led to the lay-off of 6,000 other Toledo workers.

One plant of the Fisher Body Corporation at Flint, Michigan, has been closed by the strike of hundreds of women in the sewing department and 60 men in the shipping department. In this plant 4,899 have been thrown into idleness.

Later
The strike in the Fisher Body plant has been called off and work is being resumed immediately.—Reuter.

COMPANY'S STRATEGY

Detroit, Mar. 18.
The Chrysler Corporation has applied for a writ for the arrest of United Automobile Workers' leaders and 6,000 sit-down strikers in the factories here who are defying the injunction which ordered them to quit the factories.—Reuter.

HALTING STRIKE WAR

Chicago, Mar. 18.
Emergency police patrols have been ordered out to halt the bloody warfare being waged by striking and non-striking taxi drivers here.—United Press.

CONFERENCE CALLED

Detroit, Mar. 18.
Governor Murphy has obtained the consent of the Labour leader, Mr. John Lewis, to call a conference with the Chrysler executives and the labour chiefs at the Governor's office here. The company's attitude to the suggested parley is not known.—United Press.

FENLAND REMAINS ANXIOUS

London, Mar. 18.

The position in the Fenland districts remains anxious, although no further serious breaches in the swollen rivers have occurred.
The level of the River Ouse has not dropped at all. The scene of alarms shifted to-day to the Prickwillow district, where 150 tons of clay have already been used to support the banks of the Little Ouse River.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

SOMEWHAT EASIER

London, Mar. 18.
Although the danger of extension of the floods in Fen area is still present, the situation generally was reported by the Minister of Agriculture in the House of Commons this afternoon to be somewhat eased.

It was suggested to the Minister that the skill and assistance of regimental engineers might be called upon, but Mr. Morrison said the Catchment Boards had at their disposal engineers fully qualified to deal with the special problems. If it were found that their resources were not adequate, the Government would be ready to give any help in their power. No request for such assistance had been refused.

The main danger spot at present, he added, was at the dam on the Ouse River. Press reports from the localities affected state that the chief engineer of the Great Ouse Catchment Board describes the position as being well-in hand. Levels on banks which in parts stand ten feet higher than the surrounding land are, on an average, six inches lower.—British Wireless.

Every Effort To Assist China Trade

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Louis Smith (Conservative), Captain Evan Wallace, Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, said every effort was being made to allow visits by British diplomatic and commercial officers in China to the chief offices in the hinterland, with the object of stimulating British trade.
Captain Wallace added that the number and scope of such visits must be limited by the exigencies of the service as a whole. During 1935 and 1936, visits were made by these officers to various places in China, and they would be continued as far as possible in the future.—Reuter.

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